

The Secretary
Self Directed Support Network South Lanarkshire

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Dear Sir / Madam

Request Under the Freedom of Information Act

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which we are entitled under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please send the secretary:

- Details of how you plan to implement "Frank's Law"
- The Scottish Government allocated £30 million to local authorities to deliver Frank's Law in 2019/2020 budget. What was allocated to South Lanarkshire?
- How much of the allocation has been spent?

The legislation states you have 20 working days to reply.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

Yours faithfully

Secretary – Self Directed Support Network South Lanarkshire

Val de Souza
Director, Health and Social Care

Mr McGoldrick
secretary@sdsnet.org.uk

Our ref: WC/LC
Your ref:
If calling ask for: Pat McCormack
Phone: 01698 454362
Date: 1 October 2019

Dear Mr McGoldrick

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 3 September 2019 in which you ask for the following information:

1. Details of how you plan to implement "Frank's Law"
2. The Scottish Government allocated £30 million to local authorities to deliver Frank's Law in 2019/2020 budget. What was allocated to South Lanarkshire?
3. How much of the allocation has been spent?

Information provided

1. The exercise to ensure that supported persons were not charged for personal care commenced on 13 February 2019. Over the course of several weeks all relevant cases were checked and updated in the Social Work IT system. The IT system was also updated with new business rules to ensure personal care was treated as a non-chargeable service. The exercise was concluded at the end of April when all invoices were adjusted (where appropriate) to take account of personal care which meant that invoices for the period 30 March to 26 April were duly revised.
2. The allocation to South Lanarkshire Council in 2019/2020 is £1.712 million.
3. It is anticipated that the allocation will be fully utilised. The commitment is being monitored as the first year of implementation progresses.

Request for Review

The Council has a Review Panel to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that it has handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of FOISA. Please

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note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by **29 November 2019** you must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling for request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr. W. Dunn
Information Compliance Manager
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Alternatively, you can request a review at foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the Council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info for further details.

Yours sincerely



Wendy Cranston
Team Leader (Performance, Governance and Planning)