



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 I am entitled under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Provide copies of South Lanarkshire Council policy & process documentation for dealing with people requesting Self-Directed Support.

Please send the secretary:

How and when will the Council deliver this recommendation?

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

Kevin McGoldrick  
[secretary@sdsnet.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sdsnet.org.uk)

**Our ref:** MK/JM/FOI  
**Your ref:**  
**If calling ask for:** Martin Kane  
**Phone:** 01698 453727  
**Date:** 16 March 2020

Dear Mr McGoldrick

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)  
Request for Information**

I refer to your information request(s) received by the Council on 17 February 2020 in which you ask for the following information:

Copies of South Lanarkshire Council policy and process documentation for dealing with people requesting Self Directed Support.

**Information provided**

The Council is refusing your request because the information that you have asked for is exempt from disclosure under FOISA.

The Council can withhold information where one or more exemptions listed in FOISA apply. The relevant exemption(s) is/are

- ❖ The information requested is otherwise accessible because the Council or another public body makes it available through their Publication Scheme (section 25 (1) and (3) of FOISA)

***How the exemption applies to the information being withheld***

The information is accessible via the SDS Eligibility Criteria Guidance for Adults and Older people, please see link below:

[SDS Eligibility Criteria Guidance for Adults and Older People and Community Care Services Carers and caring - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

**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.

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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 note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by **16 May 2020**. 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:

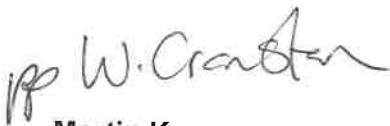
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Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### **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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info) for further details.

Yours sincerely



**Martin Kane**  
**Service Development Manager**