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Request and Response:

Please note that this request relates to two specific members of staff.

Under the Autism Act of 2009 it states that local authorities must provide autism awareness training for all staff.

Therefore:

- 1. Have you attended any courses in relation to Autism/ASD?**
- 2. If yes to the above, what was the course (s) title?**
- 3. What month and year did you undertake this training?**
- 4. Which organisation provided the training material?**
- 5. Were the courses of a pass or fail nature?**
- 6. If yes to the above what was your pass grade?**
- 7. Does the longevity of the course (s) expire? If yes when is your next course (s) due?**
- 8. I would like a copy of any and all training that you have undertaken in regards to Autism Awareness. This would include the course material and copies of your results.**

Please note that the information requested has been withheld under Section 40 (2) (Personal Information) of the Act. We are withholding this information as release could potentially identify individuals, third parties or personal information relating to an individual.

Section 40 (2) applies where disclosure of third party personal information would breach any of the Data Protection Act 2018 principles.



The Council has a legal requirement under the Data Protection Act 2018 (“DPA”) to process personal data fairly and lawfully. The Council considers that releasing third party personal information would be unfair and as such a disclosure that would breach Principle One of the DPA.

We currently commission the National Autistic Society (NAS) to deliver autism awareness training to our staff, consisting of 3 Autism Assessor training sessions and 23 Autism Awareness Sessions between 27 September 2017 and 27 September 2019. 235 members of staff have attended from September 2017 to date. The Autism Awareness Training is available to all staff within the Adult Social Services directorate. The Specialist Assessors Training is available to those conducting needs assessments. The training materials are provided by NAS and you must attend the full course to pass. This course must only be completed once.

Information provided by: Adult Social Care

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