

## Freedom of information request NCC-050113-21

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request, for ease we have provided our response alongside each point as follows:

1. Does your authority have current digital inclusion policies relating to children in care and care-leavers? If so, please let me know where this information is published or send me a copy.

Nottinghamshire County Council "NCC" do not have a written digital inclusion policy relating to children in care and care-leavers

2. Does your authority's local offer to care-leavers or pathway planning process contain specific reference to the risk of digital exclusion among care-experienced young people? If so, please let me know where this information is published or send me a copy.

Our care leaver offer includes things like:

\* Access up to £2,000 as a Care Leaver Higher Education Bursary

\* Identify and pay for any specialist equipment or support you may need within your course

This is the link to our local offer: [Local Offer for Care Leavers | Notts Help Yourself](#)

We also in Nottinghamshire have an APP called Notts Next Steps which enables young people to view the local offer as an app/ online

3. Has your authority been involved with initiatives to provide digital media (for example, laptops, iPads or similar digital technology, dongles or other internet alternative) to children in local authority care or care-leavers since March 2020, in order to address the impact of the pandemic on digital exclusion? If so, please let me know where this information is published or send me a copy.

We can confirm that Nottinghamshire has been involved with providing laptops, ipads and dongles to children in local authority care or care-leavers since March 2020, in order to address the impact of the pandemic on digital exclusion. This has been made available to all looked after children and care leavers. We do not have any published information on this.

In addition Nottinghamshire have signed up to Mind of my Own which are accessible apps to be able to help children communicate their wishes and feelings, and we actively promote this.

We hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the reference NCC-050113-21 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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