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Dear Sir/Madam.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07601

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council bereavement policy.

You have requested the following information:

1. Please could you provide information on your policy with regard to bereavement leave please. Is there a standard policy of x number of days (paid or otherwise) or is there a different approach?

An employee may be granted up to five days leave of absence with pay in cases of the death of a close relative. A close relative is defined as a wife, husband, partner, parent, child or grandchild (or person standing in a similar relationship).

An employee may be granted paid time off to attend the funeral of a brother or sister, brother- or sister-in-law, parent-in-law or grandparent (or person standing in a similar relationship). This would normally be one day but up to three days may be granted where this is deemed appropriate by the Manager.

2. If the policy has changed between 2015 - 2020, could you also highlight what these changes have been.

There has been no update to the policy in the timeframe stated.

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Yours faithfully

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