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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI340865189

Thank you for your request for information relating to Digital inclusion policies relating to children in care.

You have requested the following information:

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.

No.

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.

No.

3. Has your authority been involved with initiatives to provide digital media (for example, laptops 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.

Yes, laptops are provided as part of local offer and also via Depart for Education scheme. Further information is accessible to you via the Council website, please use the following link:-

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/29100/through care local offer

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/coronavirustechsupport

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: <a href="mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk">infogov@coventry.gov.uk</a>

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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