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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI706393125

Thank you for your request for information relating to future data processing and decision making relating to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

You have requested the following information:

I am submitting the following Freedom of Information Request for documents relating to intended and potential uses of data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems for processing, risk assessment, scoring systems, or automated decision making in relation to the proposed Children Not In School Register and the School Attendance Order (SAO) process as per the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

Please can you supply the following information:

- 1. Does Coventry City Council intend to use data analytics, predictive analytics and or artificial intelligence systems to process data collected through the proposed Children Not In School Register? If so, which?**
- 2. Does Coventry City Council intend to use data analytics, predictive analytics and or artificial intelligence systems to automate any part of the School Attendance Order (SAO) process? If so, which?**

For Questions 1 and 2, there are no current plans in place.

- 3. Details of any internal briefing notes, reports, summaries or written discussions relating to the intended or potential use of data analytics, predictive analytics and or artificial**

intelligence systems to automate any part of the School Attendance Order (SAO) process.

4. Details of any information shared by the Department for Education with Coventry City Council relating to the intended or potential use of data analytics, predictive analytics and or artificial intelligence systems to process data collected through the proposed Children Not In School Register and or to automate any part of the School Attendance Order (SAO) process, including the assessment of suitability of education.

5. Any meeting minutes, reports, assessments, or presentation materials on the efficacy or impact of data analytics, predictive analytics and or artificial intelligence systems to support the automation of any part of the School Attendance Order (SAO) process.

6. Details of any third-party consultants or suppliers of data analytics, predictive analytics or artificial intelligence systems including any contracts, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements (which may include but not exclusively data sharing agreements).

For Questions 3 to 6, these are not applicable.

Please note:

By data analytics, I mean the processing of children's data to draw conclusions about the information it contains and to uncover patterns and insights from it. This may be via computer packages or dashboards.

By predictive analytics, I mean using children's data to create predictive models that can be used for risk assessment, scoring systems or to inform decision making.

By artificial intelligence / algorithmic automated systems, I mean the process of using children's data to develop systems that make decisions by automated means. This includes tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as assessing information and decision making.

By children's data, I mean any data or information collected as part of the proposed Children Not In School Register.

By proposed Children Not In School Register, I mean the register referred to in Section 26 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, which amends The Education Act 1996, Sections 436A-G.

By School Attendance Order (SAO) process, I mean the process referred to in Section 27 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, which amends The Education Act 1996, Sections 436H-P.

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Yours faithfully

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