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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about the Council's approach to Human Rights which the Council received on 7th January 2013 and considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

What policies does Coventry City Council have for applying Article 3 to non-vulnerable adults? What should a non-vulnerable adult do if they are subject to inhuman treatment by a member of Coventry City Council? And what should a member of Coventry City Council do if they become aware of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment by a private individual?

Individuals who consider that that they have been wrongly treated by the Council, its officers (by which we mean "paid staff"), its elected councillors (often called "elected members"), or its agents have recourse in the first instance to the Council's robust complaints procedure and then subsequent rights of appeal, details of which can be located at the following web address:

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/353/complaints-procedure/545/comments compliments and complaints>

Regarding Human Rights and any alleged breach of these, the Council (as a UK public authority) is required to comply with the articles of the Human Rights Act 1998.

To advise you further regarding the Council's approach, please find attached a link to the Council's constitution which sets out codes of conduct for elected members and officers.

This sets out how elected members and employees should uphold the law and includes guidance on how they are expected to work with others.

This also includes a whistleblowing policy which allows employees to raise concerns, including unlawful conduct or dangers to the public, safely.

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/200033/council-policies_and_strategies/807/the_constitution

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Yours faithfully



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