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Via email: foirequest@samlayton.co.uk

Dear Sam

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request sent via email and received by Cedar Mount Academy on 21 April 2026.

Your request was in the form of the following questions:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to enquire the following information/procedures please.

For these questions, I have put suggestive answers besides to each one, as opposed to them just being a yes/no question due to the complexity of them.

These questions are likely suited for the Designated Safeguarding Lead but can be responded to by any school staff equipped to answer the questions. The questions only relate to 11-18 year olds students.

Below the questions I have included additional information regarding myself to provide a context of why this FOI is being done. This is not mandatory to read and I have only included it if you wish to understand why this FOI is being done.

Some of the questions may not apply to your educational setting, to which you can put 'n/a'.

For any closed questions, these do not have to yes/no answers due to the complexity (for example 'yes, provided they are Gillick competent and there's no risk present')

- 1- Name of school/college/university **CEDAR MOUNT ACADEMY**
- 2- What age bracket is there in your school/college (e.g. years 7-11/ages 16-18/16+)? **11-16**
- 3- What is the local authority of where your school is located? **MANCHESTER**
- 4- During school hours can a fifteen year old go to an appointment without guardians being informed (e.g. dentist/GP/CAMHS)? **NO**
- 5- If you answered yes to the above question, would the student be accompanied by a staff member (if so what job profession) or would they be allowed to leave the premises alone?
NA

6- During school hours can a seventeen year old go to an appointment without guardians being informed (e.g. dentist/GP/CAMHS)? **NA**

7- If you answered yes to the above question, would the student be accompanied by a staff member (if so what job profession) or would they be allowed to leave the premises alone?
NA

8- During school hours can a eighteen year old go to an appointment without guardians being informed (e.g. dentist/GP/mental health services)? **NA**

9- If you answered yes to the above question, would the student be accompanied by a staff member (if so what job profession) or would they be allowed to leave the premises alone?
NA

10- Does your school/college have the option to refer students to CAMHS? **YES**

11- Can you make a referral to CAMHS for a fifteen year old without guardians being informed? **NO**

12- Can you make a referral to CAMHS for a seventeen year old without guardians being informed? **NA**

13- If an eighteen year old needed support for their mental health, what service, if any, can your school/college make a referral for them to? **NA**

14- Can you make that referral without guardians being informed? **NA**

15- Is there any counselling/CAMHS services offered within the school itself? If so, is it provided by the school itself, the local NHS trust or a third party charity/organisation? What ages are these services for?

YES

THIRD PARTY

11-16

16- If there is a counselling/CAMHS service within the school/college, can a fifteen year old utilise these services without guardians being informed? **NO**

17- If there is a counselling/CAMHS service within the school/college, can a seventeen year old utilise these services without guardians being informed? **NA**

I hope that this answers your request satisfactorily.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should e-mail admin@bright-futures.co.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints' procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Bright Futures Educational Trust