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Dear enquirer,

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

**FOI Request ID:** 101006447182

I refer to your request for information received on the 29 July 2019:

**The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Part 6, 35 placed a duty on each local authority in Scotland to prepare and publish a short breaks service statement. The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Short Breaks Services Statements) Regulations 2018, Section 3 (1) & (2) required that Short Break Services Statements were to be made available by 31 December 2018.**

**In line with these requirements we request of a copy of the Short Break Services Statement for West Lothian, including a link to where this is made publicly available.**

**If this statement is not currently available please inform us the date by which it is intended to be published and where it will be made publicly available.**

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#### **WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL RESPONSE**

*"The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Part 6, 35 placed a duty on each local authority in Scotland to prepare and publish a short breaks service statement. The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Short Breaks Services Statements) Regulations 2018, Section 3 (1) & (2) required that Short Break Services Statements were to be made available by 31 December 2018.*

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**The Carers Short Break Services Statement for West Lothian Council is currently under review. The new policy will be approved through the appropriate governance before the end of the calendar year.**

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Yours Sincerely

West Lothian Council

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