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Dear Carolyn Lochhead

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("The Act")

We refer to your request dated 09/12/2016 10:10, for the following information regarding Reciprocal Agreements for our-of area funding (nursery places).

We confirm that the Council holds the following information, which we believe satisfies your request

**1. With which of your neighbouring local authorities do you have reciprocal agreements to fund children attending nursery out of their home area?**

There are agreements in place with Moray, Angus and Aberdeen City.

**2. Do you fund all eligible children attending nursery in your area whose home address is in a neighbouring council area?**

Aberdeenshire Council allocated ELC places using a priority system (please find attached as Appendix 1), children from out with Aberdeenshire would be given a 'Priority 10' status, and if a space was available at the setting of choice they would be allocated one.

**3. Do you pay parents of children at partnership nurseries in advance or in arrears?**

Partnership nurseries are paid in advance.

**4. What is the total occupancy rate of 3-5 year olds for your council's nurseries?**

96%

**5. What percentage of children in your council's nurseries come from households where both households are working?**

This information is not held.

**6. What information do you collect about the social and economic profile of children in your council's nurseries?**

This information is not held.

**7. What data do you hold on the number of mothers in your council's area who return to work when their child starts nursery?**

This information is not held.

Please contact me as the officer responsible for responding to your request if you have any further queries.

If, for any reason, you are not satisfied with this response, please refer to the further information below.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
Education & Children's Services

Further Information:

Aberdeenshire Council's Review Procedure under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/foi-review-process/>

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