

## EMAIL

Your Ref  
Our Ref 997/16

19 December 2016

Emailed to: fairfundingforourkids@outlook.com

**C H I L D R E N      &  
L E A R N I N G**  
Strategic Director:  
Margo Williamson

Dear Ms Lochhead

### **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your information request dated 8 December 2016 (received by the Council on the same day) which has been passed to me for attention.

You have requested the following information:

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

We have a historical, unwritten reciprocal agreement to fund children from Dundee City, Perth & Kinross, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils.

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

Yes, as long as the child is not being funded by the neighbouring authority. Cross boundary checks are done with neighbouring authorities on a termly basis to ensure no duplication of funding is taking place.

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

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We do not pay parents of children at partnership nurseries. Funding is paid direct to the provider a month in arrears. Parents pay the partner provider directly for any additional hours they choose to purchase.

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

Total occupancy rate is 82.99%. 1508 children attending council nurseries out of a total capacity of 1817 places as at 9 December 2016.

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

This information is not held by the Council.

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

This information is not held by the Council.

#### **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 by the Council.

In compiling responses to information requests we invariably use information which is routinely published on the [Council's website](#) or through its [Publication Scheme](#). If you require further information please first check that the information you want is not routinely published as any such information is exempt from release in terms of Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

I hope that this information is of some help to you. Please note that the information contained in this reply is believed to be accurate as at today's date (unless otherwise indicated) but no warranty is given. Further, Angus Council does not accept liability for any loss, injury or damage which arises from the use of the information contained in this reply either by you or by any other party. Please refer to the information set out in the Appendix which explains your right to complain if you are unhappy with how the Council has dealt with your request.

If calling or telephoning please ask for Jacqueline Dawson on 01307 476357 or e-mail [DawsonJ@angus.gov.uk](mailto:DawsonJ@angus.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Jacqueline Dawson  
Administration Officer

APPENDIX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**  
**INSPIRE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2009**

### **Your Right to Complain to the Council**

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Angus Council has dealt with your request for information under any of the above statutory instruments, you have a right to ask the council to review its actions and/or decisions regarding your request. If you wish to do this, you should make your request, after expiry of the compliance period, to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Resources Directorate, Angus Council, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar DD8 1AN or e-mail [LegDem@angus.gov.uk](mailto:LegDem@angus.gov.uk) within 40 working days.

Your request must:

- be in writing (or recordable format);
- give your name and address for correspondence;
- give details of the information which you originally requested from the council; and
- give the reasons why you are dissatisfied with the way in which your application for information has been dealt with.

Your application for review will then be considered by the council's review panel. The review panel will write to you informing you of its decision not later than 20 working days after receipt of your request for a review. The review panel will also provide you with a statement of its reasons for arriving at the decision it has made.

### **Your Right to Complain to the Scottish Information Commissioner:**

If you are dissatisfied with a decision of the council's review panel (or where the review panel has not provided you with a response), you have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request for

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information has been dealt with by the council in accordance with the above statutory instruments.

Your application to the Scottish Information Commissioner must:

- be in a recordable format (letter, e-mail, audio tape etc);
- give your name and address for correspondence.
- give details of the request for information which you originally requested from the council;
- give details of why you were dissatisfied with the council's response to your original request;
- give details of why you were dissatisfied with the decision of the council's review panel.

In the case of an EIR or FOI request your application to the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within 6 months of receipt of the decision of the council's review panel (or within 6 months of the date that the review panel should have responded). No such time limit applies under the 2009 Regulations.

### **The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-**

Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9BS; Telephone - 01334 464610; Fax - 01334 464611; Email - [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)