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Subject: FOI Request argyllbuteir:5894 [OFFICIAL]
Date: 30 June 2016 at 12:20:16 BST
To: "fairfundingforourkids@outlook.com" <fairfundingforourkids@outlook.com>
Cc: "argyll@messagestore.co.uk" <argyll@messagestore.co.uk>

Classification: OFFICIAL

Dear Ms Roberts

Request for information: childcare places for vulnerable 2 year olds
Reference: argyllbuteir:5894.

I refer to your request for information, which was dealt with in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

I have attached the following information in fulfilment of your request:

1. In your local authority, what was the estimated population in 2015/16 of:

a. Vulnerable 2 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision?

It is indicated that 27% of all 2 year olds residing in Argyll and Bute will be eligible 2 year olds.

b. 3 – 5 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision?

3 year olds= 825 / 4 year olds= 835. Updated figures for 3 and 4 year olds are published by National Records of Scotland (NRS) during April 2016. Office for National Statistics (ONS) population projections require to be updated as they do not reflect movement within areas, therefore it can give a higher number of uptake which would be inaccurate. Uptake of Early Learning and Childcare is not compulsory however there will always be a space available, although this may not be within their 1st choice nursery.

2. In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places were made available for:

a. Vulnerable 2 year olds?

233 places were made available across Local Authority and Partner Provider Nurseries. 24 registered childminders also become partner childminders and offer places to eligible 2 year olds (exact numbers

unavailable).

b. 3 - 5 year olds?

Over the 54 local authority run nurseries there were 1035 spaces available. 17 of these settings also operate in the afternoon, offering another 446 spaces in total. In Partner Providers nurseries another 1057 spaces are available.

3. In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places for vulnerable 2 year olds were made available in

a. Council nurseries?

19

b. Partner providers?

214

4. In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places for 3 – 5 year olds were made available in

a. Council nurseries?

See above

b. Partner providers?

See above

5. In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places for vulnerable 2 year olds were made available as

a. Half day, term time only?

0

b. Half day, year round?

0

c. Full day, term time only (ie: two free half day sessions in the same day plus lunch)?

0

d. Full day, year round?

0

e. Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (ie: 8am to 6pm with parents paying for wrap around hours)?

0

f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

0

g. Are there any other models of provision offered in council nurseries?

Currently our Local Authority settings that are registered with the care inspectorate to accommodate eligible 2 year olds offer 5 x 3 hour 10 minute sessions Monday to Friday (am or PM) over 38 weeks (term-time).

6. In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places for 3 – 5 year olds were made available as

a. Half day, term time only?

1035 am spaces & 446 pm spaces

b. Half day, year round?

0

c. Full day, term time only (ie: two free half day sessions in the same day plus lunch)?

15

d. Full day, year round?

0

e. Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (ie: 8am to 6pm with parents paying for wrap around hours)?

0

f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

0

g. Are there any other models of provision offered in council nurseries?

Argyll and Bute run nurseries offer 5 x 3 hour 10 min sessions in the morning or afternoon. One Local Authority nursery offers 2 days - 08.45 am till 3.15 pm and 1 day, 9am till 11.50am. There are 2 further nurseries that are piloting the same flexible model of provision in 2016/2017.

7. In term 1, 2015/16, how many council nursery places were taken up for

a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

42 2 year olds were enrolled

b. 3 – 5 year olds?

Across Argyll and Bute 3 year olds will start the Monday after their 3rd birthday, unless their birthday falls between March – July, when they will start in the August term. 797 children were enrolled in August 2015 across local authority run nurseries.

8. In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places were taken up for

a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

60 2 year olds were enrolled

b. 3 – 5 year olds?

1006 3 and 4 year olds were enrolled.

9. In the final term of 2015/16, how many Full Time Equivalent places are available for.

a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

b. 3 – 5 year olds?

Argyll and Bute offer no full time places in local authority run nurseries. We could offer full time in partner provider nurseries if requested.

10. What was the full annual value of a funded partnership place in 2015/16?

The amount paid to Partner Providers for providing Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) to an eligible 2 year old is £4.50 per hour. If this child takes up maximum 600 hours, the cost is £2700. The amount paid to Partner Providers for providing Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) to 3 and 4 year old is £4.33 per hour. If this child takes up maximum 600 hours, the cost is £2598.

11. Do you fund all eligible children attending partner providers?

Yes

12. In the final term of 2015/16 how many eligible children did not receive their early years and childcare funding whilst attending:

a. partnership settings?

0

b. Care Inspectorate registered childcare settings outwith the partnership scheme?

0

13. How many funded partnership places did you commission in 2015/16?

841

14. How many early years staff do you employ:

- a. Full time?**
- b. Part time?**

There are 137 members of staff employed across Local Authority ran nurseries. 34 of those are contracted to 35 hours per week.

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Yours sincerely



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From: Fair Funding For Our Kids
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Sent: 22 June 2016 16:41
To: Sinclair, David (Risk Management Assistant)
Subject: Re: FOI Request

Carolyn Roberts, on behalf of Fair Funding for our Kids.

Many thanks.

On 22 Jun 2016, at 15:14, Sinclair, David (Risk Management Assistant) <David.Sinclair2@argyll-bute.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Fair Funding,

Could we please have your name for our records so we can log your request

Regards,

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From: Fair Funding [<mailto:fairfundingforourkids@outlook.com>]
Sent: 22 June 2016 15:07
To: Fair Funding For Our Kids
Subject: FOI request

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- 1 In your local authority, what was the estimated population in 2015/16 of:
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 - b 3 - 5 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision?
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b 3 - 5 year olds?
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b 3 - 5 year olds?
- 10 What was the full annual value of a funded partnership place in 2015/16?
- 11 Do you fund all eligible children attending partner providers?
- 12 In the final term of 2015/16 how many eligible children did not receive their early years and childcare funding whilst attending:
a partnership settings?
b Care Inspectorate registered childcare settings outwith the partnership scheme?
- 13 How many funded partnership places did you commission in 2015/16?
14. How many early years staff do you employ:
a Full time?
b Part time?

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