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Dear Ms Lochhead

Request for information: Nurseries
Reference: argyllbuteir:6504

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

All requests are reviewed upon application, however it tends to be from authorities such as Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire.

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

Yes, no cross boundary placement has been refused.

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

Parents are not paid; Partner Providers receive payment directly for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) provided for 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds. ELC payment are generated on the last Friday of every month.

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

Across Argyll and Bute there are a total of 995 children enrolled within Local Authority nurseries (100 of these are provisional enrolments, i.e. they have not started yet - they will start on the Monday following their 3rd birthday). Please note some of these children will be accessing shared placements with Partner Provider nurseries. We have a total of

1436 spaces within Local Authority nurseries, however some of our nurseries operate AM/PM spaces, giving us an extra 415 spaces, 1851 spaces in total. Therefore we have an 'occupancy rate' of 54%.

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

This information is not collated, therefore we must refuse this question under the FOISA Section 17 exemption (information not held).

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

Data on the SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) of households is collated, however this does not give a profile on the child/ren living within the household. Argyll and Bute does not collect any other information.

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 collated, therefore we must refuse this question under the FOISA Section 17 exemption (information not held).

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You must make your request for review not later than 40 working days after the expiry of the 20 working day period for response to your initial request by the Council, or not later than 40 working days after the receipt by you of the information provided, any fees notice issued or any notification of refusal or partial refusal.

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Yours sincerely



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From: Fair Funding For Our Kids
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To: Harper, Suzanne
Subject: FOI enquiry

On behalf of the campaign group Fair Funding for our Kids I would like to submit the following questions.

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3. Do you pay parents of children at partnership nurseries in advance or in arrears?
4. What is the total occupancy rate of 3-5 year olds for your

council's nurseries?

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

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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?

Thank you

Carolyn Lochhead



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