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Dear Ms Lochhead

Further to your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 relating to the above I am now able to respond.

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

All neighbouring authorities where a request comes from. At the moment children attend who are resident in

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

Yes

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

In advance

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

1,469 3-5 year olds currently attending council nurseries

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

Unfortunately Scottish Borders Council do not hold the information you have requested and therefore we give notice under s17 of FOI(S)A 2002.

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

None collected other than knowing that all ELC 2s meet the eligibility

criteria specified by the Scottish Government

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?

None

I hope you are happy with the information provided but have to advise that you have a right to request a review within 40 working days of receipt of this email. You should either e-mail FOI@scotborders.gov.uk or write to the Information Manager, Scottish Borders Council, Council HQ, Newtown St. Boswells TD6 0SA.

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Yours sincerely

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