

Dear Madam

I refer to your email of 8 December. The answers to your questions are as follows:-

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

**We have informal arrangements with Perth and Kinross, Angus, and Fife**

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

**Yes if there is sufficient capacity**

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?

**Occupancy rates vary depending on the time of year. As of May 2016, occupancy rate for 3-5's in DCC nurseries was 2,471 children (73% of estimated population)**

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

**This information is not recorded.**

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

**This information is not recorded.**

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 recorded.**

### **Your Right to Appeal**

If you are unhappy with this reply you may require the Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to your request.

The requirement for review must:-

- be in writing or other permanent form (please address it to me);
- state your name and give an address for correspondence;
- specify the original request for information and the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction; and
- be made within 40 working days of the date of this response, although the Council may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, consider requirements for review after that time has passed.

Your requirement for review will be dealt with by the Chief Executive. He will reply to you in writing promptly and in any event within 20 working days. He may:-

- confirm my decision with or without modification;
- substitute a different decision for my decision;

and will give you his reasons for so doing.

If you are unhappy with the Chief Executive's decision you may then appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. You must submit your appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the Chief Executive's decision.

Further details on the Scottish Information Commissioner's appeal procedure can be found using the direct link [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal) or email [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or telephone (01334) 464610 or write to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Yours faithfully

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