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Date: 22/07/2016

Our ref: 11869

Dear Ms Roberts

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Partial Release of Information

Subject: Early Years Funding

Thank you for your request for information of 27/06/2016, which has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Unfortunately, the Council is only able to meet part of your request; this information is released to you now. With regard to the parts of your request where we are unable to provide you with the information requested because it is not held by the Council, please note that this letter constitutes a notice under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I shall address each part of your request in turn.

You asked the following:

Q1. 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?

A1a. 575

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

A1b. 10,815

Q2. In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places were made available for:

a) Vulnerable 2 year olds?

A2a. 575

b) 3 - 5 year olds?

A2b. 11,656

Q3. 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?

A3a. 565

b) Partner providers?

A3b. 10

Q4. 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?

A4a. 6955

b) Partner providers?

A4b. 4701

Q5. 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?

A5a. 565

b) Half day, year round?

A5b. There is no requirement for the City of Edinburgh Council to provide Half day, year round places. Early Years Centres have the opportunity to offer flexible options as part of the child planning process, which are made on an individual basis. This information would be held within each centre. Please refer to A14 below.

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

A5c. 85 children aged 2 years attend full days with lunch.

d) Full day, year round?

A5d. There is no requirement for the City of Edinburgh Council to provide Half day, year round places. Early Years Centres have the opportunity to offer flexible options as part of the child planning process, which are made on an individual basis. This information would be held within each centre. Please refer to A14 below.

e) Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (ie: 8am to 6pm)

with parents paying for wrap around hours)?

f) Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

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

A5e-g. Early Years Centres offer full flexibility although tend to close at 4pm.

Q6. 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?

A6a. 6955

b) Half day, year round?

A6b. 32 places available but used as in a variety of permutation.

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

A6c. 150

d) Full day, year round?

A6d. 32 places available currently. Additional children who require support can be placed at the Early Years Centres.

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

A6e. 32

f) Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

A6f. 32

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

A6g. 22 nursery classes are introducing additional patterns of attendance in August.

Q7. In term 1, 2015/16, how many council nursery places were taken up for:

a) vulnerable 2 year olds?

A7a. 351

b) 3 – 5 year olds?

A7b. 4,427

Q8. In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places were taken up for:

a) vulnerable 2 year olds?

A8a. 462

b) 3 – 5 year olds?

A8b. 6405

Q9. In the final term of 2015/16, how many Full Time Equivalent places are available for:

a) vulnerable 2 year olds?

A9a. 575

b) 3 – 5 year olds?

A9b. 6955

Q10. What was the full annual value of a funded partnership place in 2015/16?

A10. £2100

Q11. Do you fund all eligible children attending partner providers?

A11. Yes

Q12. 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?

A12a. All children received funding whilst attending.

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

A12b. Unknown, we do not collect this information.

Q13. How many funded partnership places did you commission in 2015/16?

A13. We do not commission places. Every child who is eligible can receive a funded place in a partnership nursery.

Q14. How many early years staff do you employ:

a) Full time?

b) Part time?

A14. 434 FTE / 531 Headcount

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the breakdown of the split between full-time and part-time posts or the information held within the Early Years Centres as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing you with the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

Section 12(1) of the Act does not oblige a Scottish public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the statutory limit.

The total cost of complying with these parts of your request is £716.25.

This sum has been calculated as follows:

In order to collate the totals of full-time and part-time posts from the 531 Headcount, a manual exercise would be required to investigate each post. Allowing five minutes per post would equate to approximately 44.25 hours of work. In order to provide the detailed information requested in Q5b and Q5d above, each of the seven Early Years Centres would be required to manually collate the information held for 2015/16. Allowing 30 minutes per centre this would equate to an additional 3.5 hours of work.

Estimated number of records to be located, retrieved and provided – 531 + 7 Early Years Centres.

Number of staff hours involved – 47.75 hours (531 x 5 minutes per record + 7 x 30 minutes per centre).

Maximum charge per hour - £15.00.

Total cost - £716.25.

The Council appreciates that you may not have been aware of the size and scope of the information that you requested the Council provide you with as a result of this part of your request. It may be possible to provide you with a portion of the information that you are seeking. If you wish to discuss this option further, or have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that requests revised in this way are considered as

new requests under the legislation.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

To promote transparency and accountability, please note it is the Council's policy to publish all request details and responses made under the freedom of information legislation. This information will be made available through the Council's website and will not include your personal details. The disclosure log is available at the following link:

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/175/foi_disclosure_log

Your right to seek a review

I appreciate that our decision may disappoint you and I am sorry that we have not been able to release all the information you requested on this occasion. If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with your request, you can ask us to review our actions and decisions by writing to:

Head of Strategy (interim)
The City of Edinburgh Council
Waverley Court Business Centre 2:1
4, East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG or,
Email: legal.foi@edinburgh.gov.uk

Please note that your request must be in a recordable format (email, letter, audio tape etc.), and that you have 40 working days upon receipt of this letter to ask for a review. You will receive a full response to your review request within 20 working days of its receipt. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you can

ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving our review response. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

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