

## Information Request FCIR:13920 – Early Years & Childcare

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?  
Estimated 1000 eligible 2 year olds based on FME data
  - b. 3 – 5 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision  
Child Health birth rates (CHI) indicate 8357 births between 2011 and 2012.
2. In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places were made available for:-
  - a. Vulnerable 2 year olds?  
875 Fife Council places
  - b. 3 - 5 year olds?  
9452 Fife Council places  
1587 Partner Provider places
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?  
875 places
  - b. Partner providers?  
None – all 2 year old places are currently within Fife Council provision.
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?  
9452
  - b. Partner providers?  
1587
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?  
875
  - b. Half day, year round?  
None
  - c. Full day, term time only (ie: two free half day sessions in the same day plus lunch)?  
None
  - d. Full day, year round?  
None

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

None

- f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

None

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

Not generally for 2 year olds although our 7 Family Nurture Centres offer a 52 week provision for vulnerable families which may include 2 year olds. Additional time in nursery is organised locally to meet the child's and family needs. Across the 7 centres there is capacity for 105 part time 2 year old places.

6. In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places for 3 – 5 year:

- a. Half day, term time only?

8554 places (3 hour 10 minute sessions Mon to Fri)

- b. Half day, year round?

Not available

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

330 places (7 hours 55 mins daily including lunch – Mon/Tues or Wed/Thurs) available in 26 settings but increasing to 48 settings in August 2016.

- d. Full day, year round?

Available in 7 Family Nurture Centres to meet needs vulnerable children and families – managed locally according to staffing capacity over holiday periods

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

Not available

- f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

Not available in Fife Council nurseries generally but the 7 local Family Nurture Centres can offer this service where they have capacity.

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

Current models available are:-

8554 - 3 hr 10 min (either am or pm Mon - Fri)

558 - 3 hrs 58 min (either am or pm Mon - Thurs)

330 - 7 hrs 55 min (either Mon and Tues or Wed and Thurs)

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

- a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

541 children on November 15 admissions

- b. 3 – 5 year olds

5916 pupils attended a council nursery

861 pupils were funded in Partner Providers

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

- a. vulnerable 2 year olds?  
527 in council nurseries
- b. 3 – 5 year olds?  
7998 in council nurseries  
1054 in Partner Providers

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

- a. vulnerable 2 year olds?  
437.5 FTE
- b. 3 – 5 year olds?  
5519.5 FTE

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

£2406.66

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?  
None
- b. Care Inspectorate registered childcare settings out with the partnership scheme?  
This data is not known to the Council, however, 69 applications for a council nursery place were marked as discontinued during session 2015-16. Applications are marked as discontinued if a parent decides not to take up a place in that nursery before they actually start in that nursery. There are a variety of reasons why this may happen, for example if the family has moved house or they have applied to a partner provider in addition to a Fife Council nursery and decide to remain at the partner provider instead.

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

1587 places

14. How many early years staff do you employ:

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

In the final term 2015/16 569.25 fte early years officers were employed. To meet the needs of the flexible working model this ranges from 18 hour to 36 hour contracts. Staff are employed on the following hours – 18, 20, 25, 30 and 36 hours.

In addition:-

78.10 fte nursery teachers, 7 principal early years teachers, 23 early years development officers and additional Pupil Support Assistants to support ASN children were employed.