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Per Email
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
(FOISA) : F/8251**

I refer to your email received on 22 June 2016 in which you have requested, under FOISA, information regarding free Early Years and Childcare Provision as noted below:

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? 259
b 3 – 5 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision? 2,245

2 In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places were made available for:
a Vulnerable 2 year olds? 334
b 3 - 5 year olds? 2,786

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? 72
b Partner providers? 262

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? 2,356
b Partner providers? 466

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? Available on an individual basis
b Half day, year round? Available on an individual basis
c Full day, term time only (ie: two free half day sessions in the same day plus lunch)? Available on an individual basis
d Full day, year round? Available on an individual basis
e Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (ie: 8am to 6pm with parents paying for wrap around hours)? Not available at present
f Extended hours / wrap around, year round? Not available at present
g Are there any other models of provision offered in council nurseries?

Not at present

6 In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places for 3 – 5 year olds were made available as:

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

a vulnerable 2 year olds? 7

b 3 – 5 year olds? 1,274

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

a vulnerable 2 year olds? 36

b 3 – 5 year olds? 1,647

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

a vulnerable 2 year olds? 175 FTE measured by no of places times 600 hours divided by 1,140 hours

b 3 – 5 year olds? 1,466 FTE measured by no of places times 600 hours divided by 1,140 hours

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

Funding for a 2yr old place £3,600 pa

Funding for a 3-5 yr old place £2,220 pa

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 outwith the partnership scheme?

Not known

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

Midlothian Council commissioned 188 places for 2year olds. All other places are made available in line with take up

14 How many early years staff do you employ:

a Full time? 113

b Part time? 60

I trust this response has answered your query. An applicant who is dissatisfied with the way in which Midlothian Council has dealt with his/her request for information under Section 1(1) of the FOISA may, by virtue of Section 20 of the FOISA, require Midlothian Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to that request. I have attached for your information a copy of Midlothian Council's Complaints Procedure under the FOISA.

Yours sincerely



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