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Dear Ms Lochhead

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Request for Information – Nurseries

I refer to your request for information dated 8th December, 2016.

Please see below for details of our response; you have the right to request a review of this. Click [here](#) to view a copy of our information leaflet which explains how to do this. If you remain dissatisfied after the Council has carried out its review, you can appeal [online](#) to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

The information you requested was:-

- 1. With which of your neighbouring local authorities do you have reciprocal agreements to fund children attending nursery out of their home area?*
- 2. Do you fund all eligible children attending nursery in your area whose home address is in a neighbouring council area?*
- 3. Do you pay parents of children at partnership nurseries in advance or in arrears?*
- 4. What is the total occupancy rate of 3-5 year olds for your council's nurseries?*

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

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

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?

Response

1. Angus, Dundee, Clackmannanshire, Fife and Stirling Councils. We also discuss issues relating to this with any other local authorities if and when the need arises.
2. Yes, on condition that there is reciprocity. For example, clarity would always be sought around the child's home authority funding arrangements, particularly around deferrals.
3. In arrears.
4. In terms of [section 17\(1\)\(b\) of the Freedom of Information \(Scotland\) Act 2002](#), this is formal notice that this information is not held. I've been advised that Perth and Kinross Council does not recognise the concept of "unfilled" places, and consequently holds no information thereon.

The capacity of any nursery meets registration requirements and the necessary child: staff ratios as set out by Scottish Government. As required, Perth and Kinross Council may make a decision to increase the staffing allocation in any nursery throughout a session to meet identified need for an

increased number of places (or vice versa).

A range of information on ELC establishments, staffing and children is available on the Scottish Government website: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/Pubs-Pre-SchoolEducation>

5. In terms of section 17(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this is formal notice that this information is not held.

6. Perth and Kinross uses SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) to indicate the potential socio-economic background of all pupils, through nursery, primary and secondary, based on their home postcode, for anonymised statistical and analytical purposes. We complement SIMD by using the ACORN geodemographic segmentation to do the same. We do not collect additional information about children or their families to do this.

7. Perth and Kinross Council holds no information in relation to this matter. In terms of section 17(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this is formal notice that this information is not held.

Should you require any further explanation or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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