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Dear Ms Roberts

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/2016/6447

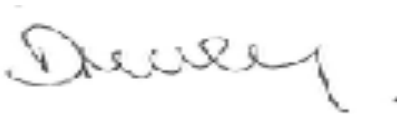
Thank you for your information enquiry relating to free early years and childcare provision, received on 22 June 2016. Due to the nature of your request, it has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I now enclose the Council's response which I trust will be of assistance to you.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request you can ask for a review. A request for a review must be submitted within 40 working days and should be put in writing to Deborah McVey, Information and Governance Team Leader, South Ayrshire Council, Resources, Governance and Organisation, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR, Tel: 01292 612195, Email: foi@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. If you remain dissatisfied after a review, you have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. This must be submitted within 6 months after the review and should be put in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St. Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS, Tel: 01334 464610 Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info.

Further information on your right to ask for a review and to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner is given in the enclosed Information Sheet.

Yours sincerely



DEBORAH McVEY
Information and Governance Team Leader

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

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Please provide:

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?

446

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

2068 taken from National Records of Scotland estimated population/ births/ South Ayrshire.

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

a. Vulnerable 2 year olds?

The total operational capacity in Local Authority nurseries for 2015-16 was 208 and 6 places were provided in partnership centres.

b. 3 - 5 year olds?

The total operational capacity in Local Authority nurseries for 2015-16 session was 1991 and 471 places were provided by partnership centres.

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

Total capacity 208

b. Partner providers

6 places taken up in partner providers

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?

Total capacity in Local Authority nurseries 1991

b. Partner providers?

471 places provided.

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?

The capacity was 154 places all places offered on this basis.

b. Half day, year round

60

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

0

d. Full day, year round?

This information is not recorded. Accordingly, this paragraph acts as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act which states that the information requested is not held.

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

0

f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

0

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

No

6 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?

The capacity was 1195 places which were available as either am or pm, term time only in LA nurseries. 471 places were provided by partnership centres either am or pm, term time only, of these some may have been available for full days subject to availability.

b. Half day, year round?

None

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

The capacity was 796 sessions, equivalent to 398 full days which were available in selected nurseries to be allocated either as am, pm or full day sessions depending on parental requirements.

d. Full day, year round?

None

e. Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (i.e.: 8am to 6pm with parents paying for wrap around hours)? No such provision in local authority nurseries.

Partnership centres may offer the above, however we do not collate this information.

f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

None

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

No

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

a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

28 applications were received and 28 places were allocated. (August-Oct)

b. 3 – 5 year olds?

1856 applications were accepted in accordance with SAC Early Years Admission policy start dates 19/08/2015 – 9/10/2015. Of these 97 applications were for split placements.

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

a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

133 applications were made and 133 places allocated.

b. 3 – 5 year olds?

2444 applications were accepted in accordance with SAC Early Years Admission policy start dates 19/08/2015 – 29/02/2016. Of these 97 applications were for split placements.

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

a. vulnerable 2 year olds?

The capacity was equivalent to 107 days (Full days were not offered)

b. 3 – 5 year olds?

The capacity was equivalent to 398 days

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

£2046

11 Do you fund all eligible children attending partner providers?

Yes. *The exception to this is for children attending partnership centres who live out with our Local Authority. A recharge is made for these children to their home authority.

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*(see above)

b. Care Inspectorate registered childcare settings out with the partnership scheme?

N/A

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

471

14. How many early years staff do you employ:

Early Years staff (practitioners only) as of June 2016

a. Full time?

72

b. Part time?

81

Teachers FTE

Local Authority Centres	34.19
Partnership Centres	4.8

Central Staff	2
Total	40.99

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
YOUR RIGHTS TO REQUIRE A REVIEW AND
APPLY TO THE SCOTTISH INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

REQUIRING A REVIEW

When can you require a review?

South Ayrshire Council hopes that you are satisfied with the outcome of your information request. In the event, however, that you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to require the Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to your request (this is called a "requirement for review").

How to submit a requirement for review

A requirement for review must:

- Be submitted in writing (which includes an e- mail if received in a legible form) or in another permanent form (such as, for example, a recording made on audio or video tape);
- State your name and an address for correspondence;
- Give details of:
 - (a) the request for information that you wish to be reviewed; and
 - (b) the reason(s) why you are dissatisfied with the Council's actions and decisions in relation to your request.

A requirement for review must be received by the Council no later than 40 working days after either:

- The expiry of the time- limit imposed on the Council for complying with your request for information; or
- Where the Council provides information, or issues a fees notice, or a refusal notice, or a notice that information is not held, but does so after the time- limit has expired, the date on which you receive the information or the notice.

If appropriate, the Council may comply with a requirement for review made after expiry of the time- limits.

For the purposes of calculating the time- limits, "working day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day or a day which, under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971, is a bank holiday in Scotland.

The Council does not have to comply with a requirement for a review if the requirement is vexatious or it relates to a repeated request made by the same person which is identical or substantially similar to a previous request that has been dealt with, unless a reasonable period of time has elapsed between the making of the original request and the making of the repeated request.

The Council's Decision on Review

The Council must comply promptly with a requirement for review.

At the review, the Council may:

- Confirm its original decision, with or without modification;
- Substitute a different decision; or
- Reach a decision, where the complaint is that no decision has been reached.

You will receive written notice of the Council's decision and a statement of its reasons for the decision, no later than 20 working days after the Council receives the requirement for a review. You may withdraw your requirement for review at any time before the Council makes its decision.

Where to send your requirement for a review:

If you wish to submit a requirement for review, please send this to: **FOI Team, South Ayrshire Council, Resources, Governance and Organisation, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR, Email: FOI@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.**

APPLYING TO THE SCOTTISH INFORMATION COMMISSIONER FOR A DECISION

When can you apply for a decision by the Commissioner?

If, having asked the Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to your request for information, you are either dissatisfied with the outcome of the review as notified to you by the Council, or if the Council has failed to notify you of the outcome of a review, you may apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner ("the Commissioner") for a decision as to whether the Council has dealt with your request for information in accordance with Part 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

How to submit an application to the Commissioner

Any application to the Commissioner must:

- Be submitted in writing (which includes an e-mail if received in a legible form) or in another permanent form (such as, for example, a recording made on audio or video tape);
- State your name and an address for correspondence;
- Give details of:
 - (a) the request for information to which the requirement for review relates;
 - (b) the reason(s) why you are dissatisfied with the Council's actions and decisions in relation to your request; and
 - (c) the reason(s) why you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your requirement for a review or with a failure to notify you of the outcome of a review.

Any application to the Commissioner must be made no later than 6 months after either:

- you receive notice from the Council of the outcome of the review, or
- the expiry of the time-limit imposed on the Council for complying with a requirement for a review.

If appropriate, the Commissioner may consider an application made after the expiry of these time-limits.

The Commissioner's Decision

The Commissioner will contact the Council and invite its comments on your application. Thereafter (if no settlement has meantime been reached), the Commissioner must reach a decision within 4 months of receiving your application, or within such other period as is reasonable. You will receive written notice of the outcome of the Commissioner's decision.

You have a right of appeal to the Court of Session against the Commissioner's decision, on a point of law only.

Where to send your application to the Commissioner

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