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Dear Fair Funding For Our Kids

Freedom Of Information

Reference no. 101005342602

I refer to your request for information dated 9th December 2016. Please see our response;

1. With which of your neighbouring local authorities do you have reciprocal agreements to fund children attending nursery out of their home area?

We have a policy of not charging for children from outwith West Lothian.

2. Do you fund all eligible children attending nursery in your area whose home address is in a neighbouring council area?

All applications are decided in accordance with our policy , which is available on-line.

3. Do you pay parents of children at partnership nurseries in advance or in arrears?

We transfer funds to partner organisations each term in advance.

4. What is the total occupancy rate of 3-5 year olds for your council's nurseries? Current placements of pre-school year and ante pre-school year children account for 76% of capacity. This does not include children who become eligible for placement in April 2017.

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

Copies of these items have not been produced as the council considers these documents to be exempt in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 on the basis that the council does not hold the information requested.

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

We monitor the SIMD Ranks of the DataZones the children live in but not the individual circumstances of each family.

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?

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Yours Sincerely

Education Customer Services

West Lothian Council

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