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Subject: Re: [Ticket#2016120827000241] FOI request
Date: 20 January 2017 at 16:13:08 GMT
To: <fairfundingforourkids@outlook.com>

Dear Carolyn,

Re: help desk request (ticket ref 2016120827000241)

Thank you for your recent request submitted under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please accept our sincere apology for the late response and failing to meet the time limits as set by the Act.

1. With which of your neighbouring local authorities do you have reciprocal agreements to fund children attending nursery out of their home area? **None – n/a as we are an island authority**
2. Do you fund all eligible children attending nursery in your area whose home address is in a neighbouring council area? **– n/a**
3. Do you pay parents of children at partnership nurseries in advance or in arrears? **– we do not pay parents directly, we pay funding to the partnership nurseries depending on children's attendance**
4. What is the total occupancy rate of 3-5 year olds for your council's nurseries? **– we do not calculate overall occupancy as in our authority the town nurseries are very full whereas the rural nurseries can have very low numbers depending on the age of the children in that area and this fluctuates each year. An overall figure is of no analytical use to us.**
5. What percentage of children in your council's nurseries come from households where both households are working? **– not known**
6. What information do you collect about the social and economic profile of children in your council's nurseries? **– at present we look at nationally published data such as SIMD and NOMIS re: our families, however do not at present collect any social and economic data about each specific child in nursery. We do however know the circumstances of our currently funded 2 year olds and those who apply for free nursery lunches.**
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? **– none at present**

If you are dissatisfied with this response you can request the Comhairle to review this response to your request for information. You have 40 working days from the date of receipt of this response in which to lodge this request for review. A request for review must be processed in accordance with Part 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, must be in writing, describe your original request and explain why you are dissatisfied. An application for review should be sent to the Chief Executive, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Council Offices, Sandwick Road, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis HS1 2BW (m.burr@cne-siar.gov.uk). A request for review lodged with the Chief Executive must be processed promptly and in any event within 20 working days of receipt.

Should you remain dissatisfied after completion of the review process you may, within 6 months, apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, to establish whether your request for information has been processed in accordance with Part 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. You may also request an appeal through the Commissioner's online appeal service which is available 24/7 and offers requesters real time help and advice about their appeal - www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal Should you remain dissatisfied after the conclusion of an application to the Scottish Information Commissioner you have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Kind regards
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08/12/2016 22:50 - Fair Funding For Our Kids wrote:

On behalf of the campaign group Fair Funding for our Kids I would like to submit the following questions.

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?

Thank you

Carolyn Lochhead

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