

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000418
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Playground Budgets and Closures

Request:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks etc) in each of the following years:
[Please see below our response which includes playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks as requested above.](#)
 - 2014-15 - £602,860
 - 2015-16 - £410,758
2. Expected total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks etc) in each of the following years:
[Please see below our response which includes playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks as requested above.](#)
 - 2016-17 - £383,898
 - 2017-18 - Not known 'subject to approval'
 - 2018-19 - Not known 'subject to approval'
3. Number of public playgrounds and play facilities closed in your local authority area and the proportion of total play facilities this represents, in each of the following years:
 - 2014-15 - two – 2.6%
 - 2015-16 - 0
 - 2015-2016 – 2 out of 3 adventure playgrounds
4. Number of public playgrounds and play facilities you expect will close in your local authority area and the proportion of total play facilities this represents, in each of the following years:
 - 2016-17 – 0
 - 2017-18 – Not known
 - 2018-19 – Not known
5. Revenue spending budget for public play facilities in each of the following years:
 - 2014-15 - £110,460 (does not include Adventure playgrounds)
 - 2015-16 - £109,350 (does not include Adventure playgrounds)

6. Revenue spending budget for public play facilities in each of the following years:
- 2016-17 - £84,350 (does not include Adventure playgrounds)
 - 2017-18 - £84,350 (subject to approval) (does not include Adventure playgrounds)
 - 2018-19 - £84,350 (subject to approval) (does not include Adventure playgrounds)
7. What is the primary reason for playground closures by your local authority in the last 2 years?
- Closure of play areas occurred as a result of facilities which have life expired and/or new facilities have been created in close proximity or due to budget savings.