

Response to Request for Information

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Free Entitlement Funding and the 30 hours

Request:

Please find below a Freedom of Information Act request regarding free entitlement funding and the 30 hours in your area.

NB: By PVI providers, I mean providers who would be classed as 'PVI' on a S251 return.

1. Please confirm:
 - a. The mean hourly 'base rate' of 3- and 4-year-old free entitlement funding for PVI providers in your area in 2017/18 (i.e. total base rate spending divided by number of hours)? [£4.25](#)
 - b. the mean hourly 'average rate' (i.e. factoring in supplements) of 3- and 4-year-old free entitlement funding for PVI providers in your area in 2017/18 (i.e. total spending divided by total hours)? [£4.25. \(No Supplements paid in 2017/18 only weighted deprivation\).](#)
 - c. the planned mean hourly 'base rate' of 3- and 4-year-old free entitlement funding for PVI providers in your area in 2018/19 (i.e. total base rate spending divided by number of hours)? [Rate not yet approved for 2018/19.](#)
 - d. the mean hourly 'average rate' (i.e. factoring in supplements) of 3- and 4-year-old free entitlement funding for PVI providers in your area in 2018/19 (i.e. total spending divided by total hours)? [Rate not yet approved for 2018/19.](#)
 - e. The early years funding supplements available to providers in 2017/18 (e.g. quality, flexibility etc)? [No supplements paid in 2017/18.](#)
 - f. The early years funding supplements that will be available to providers in 2018/19? [Supplements not yet approved for 2018/19.](#)
2. Have you informed local providers of their 3- and 4-year old funding rates for 2018/19? If yes, when did you do so? If no, when do you intend to do so? [No – March 2018.](#)

3. How many 30 hours codes have been:
 - a. issued [The Council is not involved with the issuing of codes, codes are issued through HMRC](#)
 - b. validated. [627 validated codes to date.](#)
in your local authority (as of the date of responding to this FOI)?

4. Have you received any formal parental complaints about the 30 hours? If so, please confirm how many were many in total, the general complaint categories (e.g. 'inability to find a place', 'providers charging top-ups' etc), and how many complaints fell under each category? [No complaints received.](#)