

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001793
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Childcare

Request:

Please find attached a Freedom of Information Act Request regarding price and sufficiency of childcare in your local authority.

In response to your request, please find our response marked in 'blue'

Section A: prices

1. Please provide us with the average prices in your area for maintained (local authority or state school/nursery provision) and PVI (private, voluntary and independent provision, including PVI provision in children's centres) nursery places for the following provision:
 - a) For 2 year olds and under

	25 hours per week		50 hours per week	
	Maintained	PVI	Maintained	PVI
A place in a day nursery for children under 2 years	N/A	£101.00	N/A	£202.00
A place in a day nursery for children aged 2 (those who do not get the 15h free entitlement)	N/A	£101.00	N/A	£202.00

Nurseries record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am to 6pm. If the nursery does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.

- b) For 3 and 4 year olds

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Please answer **ONE** of the following two questions

Either: Please provide us with the average prices of childcare **once the free entitlements have been taken into account.**

	Maintained	PVI
A place in a day nursery for 25 hours a week where parents receive the 15 hour free entitlement and pay for 10 hours		
A place in a day nursery for 50 hours a week where parents receive the 30 hour free entitlement and pay for 20 hours		

Or: Please provide us with the average prices of childcare **before the free entitlements have been taken into account.**

	Maintained	PVI
A place in a day nursery for 25 hours a week	N/A	£101.00
A place in a day nursery for 50 hours a week	N/A	£202.00

2. Please provide us with the price of 25 hours childcare per week for a child under 2 at:

The most expensive nursery that you are aware of in your area	£230.00
The cheapest nursery that you are aware of in your area	£95.00

3. Please provide the typical (average) price for a childminder in your area:

	25 hours per week	50 hours per week
Children under 2 years	£112.50	£225.00
Children 2 years and over	£112.50	£225.00
Children at school, for pickup and care up to around 6pm	£22.00 per day	

Childminders record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am-6pm. If the childminder does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.

4. Please provide the typical (average) weekly price for a place in an after school club for 15 hours per week:

£90.00

Section B: numbers of providers

How many of these types of providers do you have in your local authority?

Private and voluntary nurseries	39
Maintained nurseries which make charges to parents	0

Section C: childcare availability

1. Does your local authority have enough childcare (childcare sufficiency) for the following groups?

	Yes: in all areas	Yes: in some areas	No	Data not held or cannot tell
2 year olds and under		√		
2 years olds entitled to 15 hours a week free early education	√			
3-4 year olds entitled to 15 hours a week free early education	√			
3-4 year olds entitled to 30 hours a week free early education	√			
After school clubs for 5-11 year olds	√			
After school activities for 12-14 year olds				√
Disabled children	√			
Parents working full time (9am to 5pm on weekdays)	√			
Parents working atypical hours (outside 9am to 5pm on weekdays)		√		
<i>Please leave this question blank if there are no rural areas in your local authority</i>				
Families living in rural areas				

2. What proportion of providers in your area are offering the 30 hour extended entitlement for at least some children? If you do not have an exact figure, please provide an approximation.

	%	Don't know or N/A
Childminders	56	
Private and voluntary nurseries	26	
Stand alone nursery schools	4	
Nursery classes in schools	14	

3. What proportion of providers in your area are offering tax free childcare? If you do not have an exact figure, please provide an approximation.

	%	Don't know or N/A
Childminders		Don't know
Private and voluntary nurseries		Don't know
Stand alone nursery schools		Don't know
Breakfast clubs		Don't know
After school clubs		Don't know

4. Do you have any comments about the impact of the 30 hour extended entitlement on childcare provision in your local area?

We are currently delivering 23% more places than the DfE target and anticipate that this will increase each term. Data demonstrates that there is currently sufficient supply to meet demand, this will be monitored on a termly basis through support visits and headcounts.