

Response to Request for Information

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Sure Start and Children's Centres

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the number of designated statutory children's centres in the current financial year and every year since, and including, 2009/10.

2009-2010 }
2010-2011 }
2011-2012 } = 16 children's centres
2012-2013 }
2013-2014 }

2014-2015 = 12 children's centres

2015-2016 }
2016-2017 } = 8 strengthening families hub

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the number of local authority employees working in Sure Start and children's centres in the current financial year and every year since, and including, 2009/10.

[This information is not held centrally as Children's Centres staff are employed through individual organisations.](#)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the total expenditure by your local authority on children's centres and Sure Start, in the current financial year and every year since, and including, 2009/10.

Financial Year	Expenditure £000
2009-2010	4,153
2010-2011	4,630
2011-2012	6,226
2012-2013	5,873
2013-2014	5,912
2014-2015	4,293
2015-2016	4,172
2016-2017	3,267
2017-2018*	4,810

* Budget 2017-2018

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in relation to children's services and Sure Starts, please provide the total number of children and parents who have used your children centres and Sure Starts, in the current financial year and every year since, and including, 2009/10.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the above requested information as we only information relating to children 0-5 not older children or adults/parents.

Also, we do not hold information relating to the year 2009 and 2010 as our recorded information began in 2011.

Also, we do not hold information from the year 2017 onwards as the Centres were replaced by Strengthening Family Hubs which are different.

Consequently, we are unable to provide all of the requested information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of 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".

However, with the above in mind, we can provide you with information we do hold which relates to calendar years which we hope will be of assistance to you.

2011 = 4,448
2012 = 6,238
2013 = 7,570
2014 = 6,027
2015 = 9,630
2016 – 8,110