

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002013
Date 2 March 2018

Playground Maintenance

Request:

Please advise how many of the public playgrounds exist in the area for which you have responsibility.

[61 play areas \(excluding skate parks and multi-use games areas\).](#)

In relation to each such playground please advise how often, and when during the last five years, you have caused each playground to be examined in the following ways:

Routine Inspection

Looking at the equipment's basic condition, especially faults due to recent vandalism. Such inspections may be carried out by the manager or his/her staff and should be recorded on a simple sheet or book.

[Each play area is routinely inspected weekly in accordance with EN 1176.](#)

Operational Inspection

Looking in more detail at the equipment, essentially at vandalism and certain types of minor wear. Such inspections may be carried out by the manager or his/her staff and should be recorded.

[Each play area receives an Operational Inspection every three months in accordance with EN 1176.](#)

Annual inspection

Carried out by a specialist not connected with the playground operator or manager. Essentially looking at vandalism, minor and major wear, long-term structural problems, changes in Standard compliance and design practice, risk assessment etc.

[Each play area is inspected annually in accordance with EN 1176.](#)