

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Action for Children***

#### **Request:**

Please consider the following questions as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any additional information you can offer would also be gratefully received.

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

Consequently, we are unable to provide all of the information relating to the questions below, 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".

Therefore, we have provided you with information relating to children aged 0-5 which we hope will be of use.

1. Does your council, either in house or through a commissioned partner, operate a management system recording the total number of children and parents using children's centres within your local authority boundaries?  
[Please see our response marked in blue above.](#)
2. How many children used children's centres in your local authority in the each of the following financial years:
  - a. 2014/15 = 6,027
  - b. 2015/16 = 9,630
  - c. 2016/17 = 8,110
  - d. 2017/18

By 'use' we mean received any specified service or participated in at least one class or session delivered by the children's centre on site or at an alternative site operated by the children's centre.

The total for each financial year should only count a child once even if they used a children's centres on multiple occasions within a single financial year.  
By child we mean any person aged 18 and under.

Please refer to our response marked in blue above.

- a. 2014/15 = 6,027
- b. 2015/16 = 9,630
- c. 2016/17 = 8,110
- d. 2017/18.

With reference to question d above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold any of the above information as, 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 any 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".

- 3. How many of these children in each year were aged 5 or under?  
Please see our response marked in blue above.
- 4. How many parents/carers used children's centres in your local authority in the each of the following financial years:
  - d. 2014/15
  - e. 2015/16
  - f. 2016/17
  - g. 2017/18

By 'use' we mean received any specified service, received information or participated in at least one class or session delivered by the children's centre on site or at an alternative site operated by the children's centre.

The total for each financial year should only count a parent/carer once even if they used a children's centres on multiple occasions within a single financial year.

Please see our response marked in blue on page 1.