

## FOI13328 Response

- 1) The total number of requests received to date for the Council to provide discretionary funding for a further year of early learning and childcare (nursery) for children whose fifth birthdays will fall between the day after the school start date in August 2020 and 31st Dec 2020.

43

- 2) A breakdown of the total number in 1. above by requests for

continued funding in private/voluntary settings	continued funding in council run settings	continued funding for split placements where a child attends both a private/voluntary and a council run setting
14	29	0

- 3) In relation to question 2, please provide the number of places the Council has agreed to provide continued funding for in

continued funding in private/voluntary settings	continued funding in council run settings	continued funding for split placements where a child attends both a private/voluntary and a council run setting
13	24	0

4. How many of the children applying have a December birthday?

20

- 5a. How many appeals (challenges if there is no official appeals process) did the Council receive against the Council's decision not to grant funding?

12

- 5b. How many of these appeals/challenges resulted in the initial decision being overturned?

12. All decisions that were challenged/appealed were overturned - due to impact of COVID-19 and not due to reasons usually associated with deferred entry requests.

6. How many official complaints has the Council received regarding discretionary deferral funding decisions between Nov 2019 and the date of your response to this FoI request?

12

- 7a. How many applications did the Council receive for children to be permitted early entry to primary school to start in Aug 2020 instead of Aug 2021 (for children who will turn five on or after 1st March 2021)?

Less than 5. \* I have not been able to provide exact figures in response to your request due to the small numbers involved. This is because there is a risk that individual Pupils / members of staff could be identified. Note: Numbers of less than 5 at school-level are considered disclosive. Answering this question could identify the individual(s) involved. Therefore, the information requested is being withheld under s38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Personal Information.

- 7b. How many of these early entry applications were approved?

0

8. Is the Council's discretionary deferral funding policy currently under review or are there any plans to update it in the near future?

Yes

9. How many parents/carers are currently financing a further year of nursery for their child's deferral year themselves in a council run nursery after the Council refused to fund their request for this?

2

10. How many older children\* has the Council permitted to defer their primary one start till 2021?

Less than 5. \* I have not been able to provide exact figures in response to your request due to the small numbers involved. This is because there is a risk that individual Pupils / members of staff could be identified. Note: Numbers of less than 5 at school-level are considered disclosive. Answering this question could identify the individual(s) involved. Therefore, the information requested is being withheld under s38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Personal Information.