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Our reference: 3904717

Dear B Wilson

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 18 February 2020 concerning early years sufficiency reporting.

According to the DfE's Early education and childcare Statutory guidance for local authorities, in accordance to the Childcare Act 2006 and the Childcare Act 2016, LAs are required by legislation to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is 'reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children)'.

As part of this they should also encourage providers to take a sustainable business approach to planning and signpost providers to resources which can support them.

Local Authorities are requested to report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare. LA's are also obliged to make this data available and accessible to parents.

Therefore, I would like to request your most recent evidence of this reporting, and where parents are able to access this.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Sefton Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

The relevant information is available to the public on the Sefton Council Website via the following link and includes further links to the Childcare Sufficiency Report 2019:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/early-years-and-childcare/securing-sufficient-childcare.aspx>

Please quote the reference number 3904717 in any future communications about this request.

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[I will now close your request as of this date.](#)

[Yours faithfully](#)

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