

REQUEST	RESPONSE
<p>I'd like to make a request regarding your early years sufficiency reporting.</p> <p>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)".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therefore, I would like to request your most recent evidence of this reporting, and where parents are able to access this. 	<p>Our childcare sufficiency report for 2019/20 will be published imminently following cabinet approval.</p> <p>The Operational Support Team are happy to discuss the findings verbally in the interim to support any research activity or help to find childcare.</p> <p>Once published the report will be available on: https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Professionals/Early-Years-and-Childcare/Childcare-sufficiency.aspx</p> <p>Parents and prospective childcare providers will also find historical sufficiency reports here.</p>