



Northamptonshire County Council

By Email
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Please ask for: Freedom of Information
Tel: 01604 368360
Our ref: FR9825
Your ref:
Date: 25th March 2020

Dear B Wilson,

Information Request: FR9825

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests dated 17th February 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding your 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.

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Our Response

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

The latest Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) can be found here.

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/information-for-childcare-providers/training/Pages/business-support-for-childcare-providers.aspx>.

There is no statutory duty for LA's to create and publish a CSA however a new CSA will be completed and uploaded in Autumn 2020.

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If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Council to review it. To do this please write to the address below:

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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information/Data Protection Team

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