



Northamptonshire County Council

By Email
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Please ask for: Freedom of Information
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Our ref: FR7747
Your ref:
Date: 28th November 2017

Dear Ms Smith,

Information Request: FR7747

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 6th November 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics.

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

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).

<i>1 - Please send me a list of new Sure Starts / Sure Start Centres / Children's Centres that have opened in Northamptonshire since 1998.</i>	All Children's Centres opened in Northamptonshire since 1998 are listed in column 2, table 1 of the attached document.
<i>Please include opening dates, addresses, and the company that ran/runs them, i.e. Spurgeons, Action for Children, Northamptonshire County Council, etc.</i>	
<i>2 - Please send me a list of Sure Starts / Sure Start Centres / Children's Centres that have closed down in Northamptonshire since 1998.</i>	Any Children's Centres that have closed are identified in column 4, table 1, of the attached document.
<i>Please include the name, closing dates, the addresses, and the company that ran/runs them, (i.e. Spurgeons, Action for Children, Northamptonshire County Council, etc).</i>	



<p>3 - Please send me a list of Sure Starts / Sure Start Centres / Children's Centres whose services have been transferred to local libraries (or other similar venues) since 1998 in Northamptonshire.</p> <p>Please include the old and new names, the old and new addresses, the dates of closure/transfer, plus the old and new company/ies that ran/runs them (i.e. Spurgeons, Action for Children, Northamptonshire County Council, etc).</p>	<p>Centres where services were transferred to libraries are listed in column 4, table 1, of the attached document.</p>
<p>4 - Please explain how the current Sure Start / Sure Start Centre / Children's Centre / Library & Children's Centre provision meets Northamptonshire's statutory duty</p>	<p>Relevant legislation regarding the statutory duties for Children Centre services is contained in the Childcare Act 2006, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty on local authorities to improve the well-being of young children and reduce inequalities between them. (Section 1). • Duty on local authorities to make arrangements to secure that early childhood services in their area are provided in an integrated manner (Section 3). • Arrangements to be made by LA to ensure that there are sufficient Children Centres, so far as reasonably practical, to meet local need. (Section 5A). <p>Children Centres statutory guidance (relevant points):</p> <p>Section 2. Sufficient children centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local authorities MUST takes steps to identify parents and those expecting a baby in their area who are likely to take advantage if early childhood services available and encourage them to use them. • Ensure there are sufficient Children's Centres, so far as reasonably practical to meet local need.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide services through children's centres • Provide inclusive universal services which welcome hard to reach families.
<i>5 - Please explain how each of the 3 options given in Northamptonshire's current library consultation will affect Northamptonshire's statutory duty to provide children's centre services.</i>	See attached document with potential closures identified in column 5, table 1 and in table 2.

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 Reviewing Officer
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 One Angel Square
 Angel Street
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 NN1 1ED

Email dataprotection@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

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

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