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**Falkirk Council**

*Children's Services*

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Patricia Anderson,  
[Whatdotheyknow.com](http://Whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Patricia,

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 Discretionary deferral rates**

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request on the above matter. I am now in a position to provide you with the following response:

- 1. Please could you provide the percentage of discretionary deferral requests which the local authority has provided an extra year of early learning and childcare funding for since 2013. Please only include those children born on or after the school commencement date in August and 31 Dec who were granted an extra year of funding.**

Academic Year	% of Non Automatic V Total Approved
2013 - 2014	9.38%
2014 - 2015	5.56%
2015 - 2016	5.36%
2016 - 2017	11.50%
2017 - 2018	10.62%
2018 - 2019	10.00%

- 2. Please could you also provide the total number of applications for discretionary deferral funding received and the total number successful for each year since 2013. Please only include those children born on or after the school commencement date in August and 31 Dec who were granted an extra year of funding.**

Academic Year	Total No of Non Automatic Applications Received	Total No of Non Automatic Applications Approved
2013 - 2014	15	9
2014 - 2015	13	6
2015 - 2016	22	6
2016 - 2017	17	13
2017 - 2018	18	12
2018 - 2019	11	11

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I enclose for your information a leaflet detailing your right to complain if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled.

Yours sincerely,

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