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**Our ref:** EDU/FOI/2018/296  
**Your ref:**  
**If calling ask for:** Molly Magee  
**Phone:** 01698 454512  
**Date:** 15 January 2019

Dear Ms Anderson

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 13 December 2018. Your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Please find listed below your request for information and our 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 December who were granted an extra year of funding.**

Please refer to the table below for information on the total number of deferred entry requests received with an August – December birthday.

**Total number of deferred entry requests received with an August – December birthday**

10.5	Total number (and approx. %) of requests Aug-Dec birthday
2013	*
2014	72 (2.1%)
2015	68 (1.9%)
2016	63 (1.8%)
2017	59 (1.7%)
2018	75 (2.1%)

- 2. Please could you also provide the total number of applications of 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 December who were granted an extra year of funding.**

Please refer to the table below for this information.

Year	Total requests Aug – Dec	Total successful requests
2013	*	*
2014	72	72
2015	68	68
2016	63	63
2017	59	57
2018	75	75

\* No information held for this period. Accordingly, Section 17 of FOISA (information not held) applies to this part of your request.

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## **Request for Review**

The Council has an internal panel (the review panel) to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that their request has been dealt with. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review. If you want to complain about how we have handled your request for information, you can ask the review panel to reassess our actions. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 16 March 2019. In requesting a review, it would be helpful if you could quote the reference number found at the top of this letter and state the matter which has given rise to your dissatisfaction.

You should send your request for a review to:

- Mr. W. Dunn, Information Compliance Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources, Floor 11, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA.

Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

Please note that the review panel can only assess the way we have handled requests for information. It cannot consider complaints about delivery of a service or any decisions made by the Council or its authorised employees. If your complaint relates to one of these matters, you should contact the Resource responsible.

Should you not be satisfied with the outcome of our review, you will then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether your request has been dealt with properly, in accordance with the Act. The Commissioner's contact details are as follows:

- Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS; Telephone: 01334 464610; Fax: 01334 464611; e-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

For further details, please see the Commissioner's website at [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info).

Yours sincerely

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