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Carolyn Lochhead,

Dear Carolyn,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 Early Years Childcare

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request on the above matter. Please note the answers provided below are for children **eligible** for free early years and childcare provision. We do not use the term 'vulnerable' to describe this group. I am now in a position to provide you with the following response:

1. In your local authority, what was the estimated population in 2017/18 of:
 - a. **Vulnerable** 2 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision?
447
 - b. 3 – 5 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision?
7702
2. In the final term of 2017/18, how many early years and childcare places were made available for:
 - a. **Vulnerable** 2 year olds?
175
 - b. 3 - 5 year olds?
4315
3. In the final term of 2017/18, how many early years and childcare places for **vulnerable** 2 year olds were made available in:
 - a. Council nurseries?
150
 - b. Partner providers?
25
4. In the final term of 2017/18, how many early years and childcare places for 3 – 5 year olds were made available in:
 - a. Council nurseries?
3921

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b. Partner providers?

394

5. In the final term of 2017/18, how many council nursery places for vulnerable 2 year olds were made available as:

a. a Half day, term time only?

175

b. Half day, year round?

n/a

c. Full day, term time only (i.e: two free half day sessions in the same day plus lunch)?

n/a

d. Full day, year round?

n/a

e. Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (i.e: 8am to 6pm with parents paying for wrap around hours)?

n/a

f. Extended hours / wrap around, year round?

n/a

g. Are there any other models of provision offered in council nurseries?

No.

6. In the final term of 2017/18, how many council nursery places for 3 – 5 year olds were made available as:

a. Half day, term time only?

3473

b. Half day, year round?

n/a

c. Full day, term time only (i.e: two free half day sessions in the same day plus lunch)?

n/a

d. Full day, year round?

n/a

- e. **Extended hours / wrap around, term time only (ie: 8am to 6pm with parents paying for wrap around hours)?**

448

- f. **Extended hours / wrap around, year round?**

448

- g. **Are there any other models of provision offered in council nurseries?**

No.

- 7. In term 1, 2017/18, how many council nursery places were taken up for:**

- a. **vulnerable 2 year olds?**

131

- b. **3 – 5 year olds**

2880

- 8. In the final term of 2017/18, how many council nursery places were taken up for:**

- a. **vulnerable 2 year olds?**

115

- b. **3 – 5 year olds?**

3379

- 9. In the final term of 2017/18, how many Full Time Equivalent places are available for:**

- a. **vulnerable 2 year olds?**

n/a

- b. **3 – 5 year olds?**

842

- 10. What was the full annual value of a funded partnership place in 2017/18?**

£2250

- 11. Do you fund all eligible children attending partner providers?**

Yes.

- 12. In the final term of 2017/18, how many eligible children did not receive their early years and childcare funding whilst attending:**

- a. **a partnership settings?**

NIL

- b. Care Inspectorate registered childcare settings outwith the partnership scheme?**

NIL

13. How many funded partnership places did you commission in 2017/18?

239

14. How many early years staff do you employ:

- a. Full time?**

117

- b. Part time?**

250

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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