



South Tyneside Council

Date: 9th August 2019
Our Ref: FOI 19 19848

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Dear Mr Parker-Dean

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 23rd July 2019

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

- 1) How many council owned public children's play areas (by which I mean parks, playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, assault courses and any other play areas) do you currently operate (latest figures available)
- 2) How many council owned public children's play areas did you own or operate in the financial year 2009/2010
- 3) How many council owned public children's play areas were sold, or closed, from the financial year 2009/2010 to the present date?
- 4) If the figures are held, what was the area covered by children's play areas that you owned measured by square feet in 2009/10, and on the most recent date for which figures are available?

Council's Response

- 1) How many council owned public children's play areas (by which I mean parks, playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, assault courses and any other play areas) do you currently operate (latest figures available)

41 Play areas

17 MUGAs (Multi use game areas)

6 Wheeled sports

32 Parks and open spaces

- 2) How many council owned public children's play areas did you own or operate in the financial year 2009/2010

53

3) How many council owned public children's play areas were sold, or closed, from the financial year 2009/2010 to the present date?

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4) If the figures are held, what was the area covered by children's play areas that you owned measured by square feet in 2009/10, and on the most recent date for which figures are available?

We do not hold this information

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Information Governance Team, Town Hall and Civic Buildings, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

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The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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