

# **East Lothian Council**

**FOI Ref: 2019/636222**

***Please accept this email as a Freedom of Information request.***

***Please could the Council provide:***

***(For Qs 1-3 below this data was already requested in an FoI by Sarah McCluckie via the WDTK website in early May so I am looking for either confirmation that your response to that FoI is still accurate or an update on the data if there have been any subsequent applications and decisions).***

Our previous response is still accurate and no updates required.

***1) The total number of requests received to date for the Council to provide discretionary funding for a further year of early learning and childcare for children whose fifth birthdays will fall between the day after the school start date in August 2019 and 31st Dec 2019.***

***2) A breakdown of the total number in 1 above by requests for  
a) continued funding in private/voluntary settings and  
b) continued funding in council run settings.***

***3) In relation to question 2, please provide the number of places the Council has agreed to provide continued funding for in  
a) private/voluntary settings and  
b) council run settings.***

***4) How many of the children applying have a December birthday?***

14

***5a) How many appeals (challenges if there is no official appeals process) did the Council receive against the Council's decision not to grant funding?***

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***5b) How many of these appeals/challenges resulted in the initial decision being overturned?***

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***6) How many official complaints has the Council received regarding discretionary deferral funding decisions between Nov 2018 and today?***

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***7a) How many applications did the Council receive for children to be permitted early entry to primary school to start in Aug 2019 instead of Aug 2020 (for children who will turn five on or after 1st March 2020)?***

None

***7b) How many of these early entry applications were approved?***

N/A see 7a

***8) Is the Council's discretionary deferral funding policy currently under review or are there any plans to update it in the near future?***

The policy is not currently under review.