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Date: 12 October 2016

Dear Ms Burton

FOI Request – Information relating to child care providers and their charges in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
Review of Decision

I have been asked by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to carry out a review of the response you received to your request of 21 September 2016.

Your request was:

“Can you please provide a full list of private nurseries within the borough that provide day care for children aged 0 to 5 years old.

Where possible, can you also please include the latest details you hold about what they charge for their services per day and per half day. Please also indicate the date that the cost data was collected.”

The response you received was:

“A comprehensive list of childcare providers is available through the Richmond website or via the link [1]http://www.richmond.gov.uk/fis_search, please copy and paste the link into the search bar of your computer.

The link will enable you to search for types of childcare such as, full day care provider by area. By leaving the Postcode and Ward fields empty the search will return all full day care nurseries in Richmond. The search can be repeated for other childcare types if required.

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Details of fees for childcare are not collected as most nurseries do not share this information with the local authority. Indicative costs are available on page 21 of the Richmond Childcare Sufficiency Update 2015/16 available at [2]http://richmond.gov.uk/richmond_childcare_sufficiency_assessment.pdf. For accurate charges parents should contact the nursery direct with their individual childcare requirements."

In your email of 27 September 2016 you stated:

"To produce your childcare sufficiency report, specifically the section on childcare costs, you must have cost information on at least some of the nurseries in your borough.

Unless there is a legal reason why you cannot release the data, can you please share the cost information that you do have? If you do not have the data, can you please explain how the cost section of the childcare sufficiency report was produced?"

I have made enquiries of AfC (Achieving for Children which provides children's services to Kingston and Richmond) and I am informed that the information on page 21 of the Richmond Childcare Sufficiency Update was information collated by the Daycare Trust Survey and not the Council. This being the case Council are not able to verify the accuracy of the figures. As you are probably aware the Daycare Trust is the UK's national childcare charity, campaigning for quality, accessible and affordable child care for all.

If you are dissatisfied with my decision then you may take the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office at:

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Yours sincerely



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