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By email: request-735017-4e59b410@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Brisbane

# REQUEST FOR REVIEW UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ("THE ACT")

Thank you for your email of 26 April 2021 requesting a review of the response by Glasgow City Council ("the Council") to your request for information under the Act.

### YOUR REQUEST

You submitted a request on 10 March 2021 for the following information:

- "1. How many primary schools in the authority are currently (academic year 2021-2022) delivering play pedagogy in primary one?
- 2. How many primary schools in the authority are currently (academic year 2021-2022) delivering play pedagogy in primary two?
- 3. How many in total do you expect to use a play pedagogy approach in primary one in the next academic year (2022-2023)?
- 4. How many primary schools in the authority are currently (academic year 2021-2022) delivering outdoor learning as part of every day learning?"

### THE DECISION

The Council emailed you on 1 April 2021 and provided you with a response to your request for information. The Council explained that it did not hold the specific information you had requested since it did not record this data separately and in the format you had requested.

# YOUR REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On 26 April 2021 you emailed the Council requesting a formal review of the decision. You stated you had submitted a similar request a few years ago and received data relating to a number of schools delivering play based learning.

### THE REVIEW DECISION

I have carried out a full and impartial review of the initial response provided to you. I can confirm that as previously explained, the Council does not hold the specific information you have requested since the data in question is not recorded in the format you have requested.

By way of advice and assistance I can provide the following explanation which might give some information in relation to your initial request.

Glasgow's Improvement Challenge (GIC) is responsible for various forms of training e.g. webinars, regular thematic uploads/facilitated networks on Playful Pedagogy to primary schools across the City of Glasgow. However, GIC does not have information on the particular questions as Head Teachers are not required to provide GIC with reports on the way that Playful Pedagogy is implemented within their primary establishment.

We do not hold information on the exact number of establishments and whether they are fully including Play Pedagogy or outdoor learning into their most recent curricular offer. We do however have the following information which outlines either individual attended numbers or establishment participation in the course delivered this session. All information about school participation in either of the requested areas would be held at individual establishment level. There may well be establishments who are engaging in programmes of play or outdoor learning but not necessarily supported via the Glasgow's Improvement Challenge (GIC) Team offer but via other providers however the Council has not gathered or holds any records of this engagement.

In relation to questions 1 and 2, play pedagogy is not recorded as P1 or P2 as sessions are open to both. Approximately 97 primary schools have had a range of staff engage in training events during August 2020 to May 2021. The Council can also advise that approximately 22 school support visits have taken place between August 2020 to May 2021 by the GIC team.

In relation to question 3 the Council has not yet requested establishments' intention to continue to participate in training / support sessions for academic year 2022-2023 as this is two school sessions in the future.

In relation to question 4, the Council does not hold records from primary schools for the current academic year (2021-2022) within the authority that are delivering outdoor learning as part of every-day learning however this would be held locally at establishment level.

The Council can confirm that there have been four training sessions delivered by the GIC team from June 2020 and May 2021 with approximately 527 attendees from across the city's establishments.

# **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

I hope you are satisfied with this response. However, if you are not you have the right to make an application within six months of receipt of this letter for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted as follows:

Address: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS.

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Telephone: 01334 464610

You can also use the Scottish Information Commissioner's online appeal service to make an application for a decision:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal

Thereafter a decision by Scottish Information Commissioner may be appealed on a point of law to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely

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