

Freedom of Information Request

CRM No:	1087708
Subject Matter:	Playground budgets and closures
Department	Environment & Regulation
Request Details:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks etc.) in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014-15:• 2015-16:2. Expected total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks etc.) in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016-17:• 2017-18:• 2018-19:3. Number of public playgrounds and play facilities closed in your local authority area and the proportion of total play facilities this represents, in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014-15:• 2015-16:4. Number of public playgrounds and play facilities you expect will close in your local authority area and the proportion of total play facilities this represents, in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016-17:• 2017-18:• 2018-19:5. Revenue spending budget for public play facilities in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014-15:• 2015-16:6. Revenue spending budget for public play facilities in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016-17:• 2017-18:• 2018-19:7. What is the primary reason for playground closures by your local authority in the last 2 years?

Response:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks etc.) in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014-15: £510,000• 2015-16: £310,0002. Expected total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks etc.) in each of the following years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016-17: £360,000• 2017-18: £270,000 (other funding may yet become available)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018-19: No recorded information <p>3. Number of public playgrounds and play facilities closed in your local authority area and the proportion of total play facilities this represents, in each of the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014-15: 0 2015-16: 2 Play Areas, 2.66% (Note: Multi Use Games Areas not included) <p>4. Number of public playgrounds and play facilities you expect will close in your local authority area and the proportion of total play facilities this represents, in each of the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016-17: 0 2017-18: Possibly 1 or 2 sites 2018-19: 0 at this time <p>5. Revenue spending budget for public play facilities in each of the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014-15: £210,000 2015-16: £210,000 <p>6. Revenue spending budget for public play facilities in each of the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016-17: £210,000 2017-18: Not likely to increase, subject to budget cuts 2018-19: as above <p>7. What is the primary reason for playground closures by your local authority in the last 2 years?</p> <p>Poorly located – resulting in them being under-utilised and heavily vandalised.</p>
List of Supporting Documents	