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Ms Lucie Stephens

Our reference: CAS-425228-3JRZ95

Sent via email:

request-588741-2dfb047b@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Stephens

Your request for information

Thank you for your email of 10 July 2019 in which you requested the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- "1. The total number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises.*
- 2. The number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises that are private businesses.*
- 3. The number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises that are registered charities.*
- 4. The number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises that are registered as independent schools.*
- 5. The number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises that are local authority nurseries.*
- 6. The number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises that are provided by NHS/ PCT providers.*
- 7. The number of providers registered to provide childcare on non domestic premises that are registered co-operatives."*

The Freedom of Information Act

We have dealt with your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. The Act is primarily concerned with the disclosure of information to the public, it does not take into account who the requester is or the reasons for why the information is being requested.

The first requirement of the Act is that we should confirm whether or not we hold information of the description set out in your request. I can confirm that we hold details of providers of childcare on non-domestic premises. However, I should clarify that we do not further sub-categorise providers of childcare in a way that would allow us to respond to points two to seven of your request.

In this case we routinely publish provider and places data for childcare providers. These [official statistics](#) provide an overview of the sector and also include the underlying [provider level data](#). This published data provides all the information you need to be able to answer point one of your request¹.

As set out above, we do not further sub-categorise these providers. For example: we do not have a flag on our system to solely identify providers as a nursery or where they are registered as a charity. Providers register with us as childcare providers on non-domestic premises, domestic premises, home childcares or as childminders. In some circumstances contextual information about a provider is included in the free-text description about the setting in their individual report; however, this is not collated in a manner that would enable us to answer your request. Consequently, we are unable to provide you with an answer to points two to seven of your request.

I understand that this may be disappointing to you; however, I trust that this letter clearly explains our position. If you have any queries about our response, please contact me at 0300 013 1287 and I will do my best to address them.

Alternatively, if you are dissatisfied with our response or the handling of your request, you may request a formal internal review. In order to do this, please write to the following address, setting out which areas of the response you are unhappy with:

Email: Richard McGowan at informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk or write to:

Head of Information Rights and Correspondence
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you also have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether or not we have complied with our obligations under the FOI Act with respect to your request. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

or:

Customer Contact
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House

¹ As this data is readily available to you, [section 21](#) of the FOI Act does not oblige us to provide it to you in an alternative way.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alastair O'Neill", followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

Alastair O'Neill
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