

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Costs of Childcare

1. Regulations attached to the Childcare Act 2006 require that Family Information Services hold data on the costs of childcare. Using this data please can you provide us with the typical (average) costs in your area for maintained (local authority, state school and children's centres) and PVI (private, voluntary and independent) nursery places, and an overall average (maintained and PVI combined) for the following:

	<i>25 hours care per week</i>			<i>50 hours care per week</i>		
	Maintained	PVI	Overall Average	Maintained	PVI	Overall Average
A place in a day nursery for <i>children under 2 years</i>	£83.25	£101.88	£100	£132.58	£175	£175
A place in a day nursery for <i>children aged 2+</i>	£83.25	£100	£100	£132.58	£175	£175

2. Please provide the cost of the most expensive nursery in your area for 25 hours childcare per week:

£200

3. Please provide the typical (average) weekly cost for a place in an out of school club for 15 hrs per week:

£60

4. Please provide the typical (average) weekly costs for a childminder in your area for:

	25 hours	50 hours
<i>A child under 2</i>	£89.44	£175
<i>A child aged 2 and above</i>	£87.50	£175

5. Please give the typical weekly cost for a childminder who picks up child after school and provides childcare until about 6pm (school-run childcare):

£52.50

Sufficiency of childcare

6. Based on the most recent update of the Childcare Sufficiency exercise for your area, and other data available, please indicate whether there are sufficient childcare facilities for the following categories:

	Yes	In most of the authority	In parts of the authority	No	Don't know/not applicable
Under 2s	x				
2 year olds who qualify for free offer	x				
3-4 year olds	x				
5-11 year olds			x		
Activities/childcare for 12 – 14 year olds			x		
Disabled children			x		
Parents working full time (i.e. 9am-5pm)	x				
Families in rural areas					x
Parents working atypical hours (i.e. outside 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday)	x				

7. In your local authority how many after-school clubs are run by local authorities, schools, the PVI sector and others respectively?

Local authority 0

Schools not held

PVI sector not held

Others not held

This letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 8. How many two year old children who qualify for 15 hours free nursery provision were placed with providers in November 2013?**

850

- 9. Over the next 12 months to December 2014 does your local authority plan to undertake any childcare sufficiency analysis to see if parents have access to sufficient childcare?**

Yes

No

Don't know

- 10. Have parents voiced a lack of childcare in your area in the past 12 months?**

Yes

No

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