

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – free early education entitlement scheme

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

You asked:

Questions 1-5 relate to the free early education entitlement scheme for three- and four-year-olds.

Please confirm:

1) The initial base rate (per child per hour) of three- and four-year-old free entitlement funding given to local early years providers following the introduction of the Early Years Single Funding Formula in 2010, plus details of any supplements given at the time.

The initial base rate including an allowance for Premises = £3.50

Deprivation enhancement for settings in the lowest 10% Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) = 20p per child per hour

Deprivation enhancement for settings in the lowest 20% LSOAs = 10p per child per hour

Deprivation enhancement for settings in the lowest 30% LSOAs = 5p per child per hour

Enhancement for having a Qualified Teacher Status = 15p per child per hour

Enhancement for having a Early Year Professional Status = 15p per child per hour

Enhancement for having Early Communication Accreditation (Every Child a Talker e.g. ECAT) = 5p per child per hour

2) The data on which this funding rate was based (e.g. did you carry out a cost survey/ use the Typical Cost Model etc?)

Yes - Settings were surveyed to provide data to enable analysis to take place

3) The details of any steps taken to gain updated data on local provider costs since the introduction of the EYSFF, including (a) method of data collection; (b) date of data collection (month and year); and, if possible, (c) response rate.

No further steps have been taken

If you have collected updated data on provider costs on more than one occasion, please provide details for each occasion.

If you have not collected any updated data on provider costs since the introduction of the EYSFF, please state this.

As above

4) The dates (month and year) of any changes to the hourly base rate of three- and four-year-old free entitlement funding given to local early years providers since the introduction of the Early Years Single Funding Formula in 2010, or any changes to funding supplements.

There have been no changes to the funding rates since the introduction of the Early Years Single Funding Formula

5) The current base rate (per child per hour) of three- and four-year-old free entitlement funding given to local early years providers, plus details of any funding supplements.

As per question 1)

Questions 6-8 relate to the free early education entitlement scheme for two-year-olds.

Please confirm:

6) The current rate of funding (per child per hour) the local authority currently receives from the Department for Education to fund the free entitlement scheme for two-year-olds

£4.84

7) The current rate of funding (per child per hour) the local authority currently gives to providers to fund the provision of funded two-year-old places.

£4.90

8) If the rate given to providers is less than the rate received from the Department for Education, please confirm how the funding that is not currently passed onto providers is currently being allocated.

N/A

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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