**FOIA request 7171 response**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request:**

**Please could I have the following information. It is information that is held by local authorities, as regulations attached to the Childcare Act 2006 require that they hold information on childcare costs and availability.**

**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 for the following:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | *25 hours care per week* | *25 hours care per week* | *50 hours care per week* | *50 hours care per week* |
|   | Maintained  | PVI | Maintained | PVI |
| A place in a day nursery for *children under 2 years* |  NA |  £112.50 | NA |  £180 |
| A place in a day nursery for *children aged 2+* |  NA |  £117.50 |  NA |  £180 |

1. **Please provide the cost 25 hours of childcare for an under 2 the most expensive nursery in your area:** £200

1. **Please provide the cost of 25 hours of childcare for an under 2 the cheapest nursery in your area:** £48.75

1. **­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­Please provide the typical (average) weekly cost for a place in an after-school club for 15 hrs per week:** £67.50

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|   | 25 hours | 50 hours |
| *A child under 2* |  £93  |  £178 |
| *A child aged 2+*  |  £93  |  £177 |

1. **Please give the typical weekly cost for a childminder who picks up children after school and provides childcare until about 6pm:** [£ 56   ]

**Sufficiency of childcare**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Yes | In most of the authority | In parts of the authority | No | Don’t know/not applicable |
| Disabled children |  x |   |   |   |   |
| Parents working full time (i.e. 9am-5pm) |  x |   |   |   |   |
| Parents in rural areas |   |   |   |   |  Not applicable |
| Parents working atypical hours (i.e. outside 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday) |   |   |  x |   |   |

1. **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** [  60 – not all schools have responded  ]

**PVI sector** [ 0 ]**Others** [ 0 ]

1. **Are ALL primary schools in your local authority served by an after-school club that picks up from the school or is based there?**

**Yes [   ]                                    No** [ x ]**Don’t know [   ]**

**Free early education for two year olds**

1. **As of 24 November 2014, what is the total number of eligible two year old children who are presently taking up all or some their 15 hours of free early education? This should be the total number of two year old children receiving early education.** 1383