



My Ref: FOI/5422  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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Dear Requester,

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

**With regards to sufficiency funding allocated to the childcare provision at 51 Fish Dam Lane, S71 5PY**

**1. How, when and who decided the funding should be allocated to this setting**

OFSTED make the decision as to who are registered childcare providers. When a childcare provider becomes registered with OFSTED and it is their intention to offer funded early years entitlements childcare places they are provided with a funding agreement which is aligned to Department for Education (DFE) Guidance. Upon signature and return of the funding agreement where any OFSTED registered provider then subsequently provides childcare for any child who is eligible for any early years entitlements funding they become eligible for payment at the local early years funding rate on submission of a claim via the funding portal. Childcare funding is managed locally by the early years entitlements funding team.

In relation to any grant funding for the creation of childcare places all early years providers were able to apply via grant application process. All applications received are assessed against the grant conditions. This process is managed by the early years entitlements team and all decisions are made by a panel. Some childcare providers meeting certain criteria were provided a direct award of funding on completion of a form, this was agreed via children's services decision-making processes led by the early years entitlements funding team.

**2. Whether any consultation took place to determine the impact this provision would have on the local area.**

The council undertake an annual sufficiency assessment to determine childcare sufficiency across the borough which is published online and can be viewed via the link below:

[CSA report 2024](#)

The provider is operating in Barnsley North an area council area that was an identified priority within the sufficiency assessment.

As part of the sufficiency assessment surveys are undertaken with local childcare providers and Barnsley residents and these are considered and referenced in the report.

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Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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