



My Ref: FOI4556
Your Ref:
Date: 18/06/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

FOI request – Early Years Expansion Grant (£75 million) and the Childcare expansion capital grant funding (£100 million). Early Years Expansion Grant - £75 million The government announced £75 million in additional funding to local authorities in 2025 to 2026 to support early years providers as they deliver the final phase of expansion to the working parent entitlements from September 2025. This funding will be distributed via the early years expansion grant which will be paid to local authorities in July 2025.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-expansion-grant-2025-to-2026>

1.How much in (in £) of your local authority's allocation under the Early years expansion grant scheme has been distributed to any eligible recipients?
£311,151 was Barnsley's allocation

2.What % of your distribution to date has gone to the following types of providers?

- a. **Private, Voluntary, Independent (PVI) including Childminders**
96.55%
- b. **Maintained settings including School Based Nurseries and maintained nursery schools**
3.45%

3.Please give any information about how you have distributed the early years expansion grant:

We chose method (a) below to distribute the grant

- a. **Distributed your total allocation between providers as a flat rate per-PTE, according to the number of 2-year-olds and under 2s taking up the early education entitlements in settings.**
- b. **Used your local 2-year-old and under 2s local funding formulae to determine provider-level funding.**

c. Developed a bespoke approach tailored to support specific growth needs in your area. If your answer to question 3 is C please provide information about the bespoke distribution approach.

4. Do you plan to distribute all your distribution grant fund before the end of August 2025?

Yes, as long as the L.A receive the funds from DfE in time to distribute it.

Childcare expansion capital grant funding (£100 million). The government announced £100m of capital support through the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant in autumn 2023. The fund was to support the provision of new places to support the expansion of: • 30-hours entitlement places for children aged 9-months to 3-year-olds • wraparound provision for primary school aged children
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childcare-expansion-capital-grant-funding>

1.How much (in £) of your local authority's allocation under the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant scheme has been distributed to any eligible recipients?
£386,353.34

2.How much (in £) of your local authority's allocation under the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant scheme has been distributed to:

- a. Private, Voluntary or Independent (PVI) providers in the early years sector**
£171,781.30
£62,860.00 Wraparound run by PVI not on school site
Total £234,641
- b. School based settings**
£78,393.00 Run by School
£73,319.04 Run by PVI on school site
Total: £151712.04
- c. Local authority infrastructure projects**
0%

3.Please provide a % breakdown of the distributed funds under the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant that has been spent between:

- a. Children taking up an early years place through the expanded 30-hours entitlement for qualifying working parents**
44.5%
- b. Increasing the supply of wraparound childcare for primary-school aged children**
55.5%

4.Do you plan to distribute all your distribution grant fund before the end of August 2025?

No

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If No how much do you estimate will remain to be distributed?

Approximately £74,000 will be left to be distributed

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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