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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI544754270

Thank you for your request for information relating to Early Years Funding.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How does your local authority (LA) fund its childcare and early years services?
Please supply this information broken down by funding stream ie. government funding, LA budget, parent fees etc and what percentage of funding each element makes up.**

All early year childcare provision in Coventry is funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant.

2. How much Department for Education funding has your LA received each year, over the last five years, for early years entitlement for three-and four-year olds?

Please provide this information in £s for:

2018-2019: £17,910,177

2019-2020: £18,243,617

2020-2021: £18,454,817

2021-2022: £17,991,429

2022-2023: £19,334,813

3. Local authorities are allowed to retain a maximum of 5% of government funding for the universal and extended three-and four-year old entitlements to account for administration costs related to LA functions. How much of this available 5% does your local authority currently retain?

In 22/23 Coventry City Council retained 5% of this funding.

4. What is this retained funding spent on by your local authority? Please include as much detail as possible.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/1682/Early%2520Years%2520Funding%2520anc%2520item%25205>

5. How has the proportion of the allowed 5% of funding retained by your local authority changed over the last five years?

Please provide the following information:

Year £total funding £retained funding %age of total budget

Please see the attached documents for years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22.

For 2022/23:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/1655/Early%2520Years%2520Formula%2520anc%2520item%25206>

6. Given the future extended entitlement implementation, will the retained percentage of funding reduce, remain the same, or increase? If there is an expected change, what will that be (i.e. the total percentage retained)?

We do not hold the requested information and are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Work is still ongoing to understand what the impact of the extended entitlement on areas funded by the retained percentage and as such this information is not available yet.

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Yours faithfully

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