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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI568805543

Thank you for your request for information relating to Local Authority funding for free entitlement for two, three and four-year-olds.

You have requested the following information:

Financial year 2022/23

1. Did you have an underspend in the early years block for funded places at the end of 2022/23? Yes.

If yes, please give amount of underspend.

We had underspent a total sum of £583,000.

OR:

2. Did you have an overspend in the early years block for funded places at the end of 2022/23?

Not applicable.

3. What actions, if any, were agreed relating to this underspend or overspend?

Our underspend was used to increase the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) reserve.

4. Has your early years block been subject to an in-year adjustment by the Department for

Education? If so, was this a positive or negative adjustment and how much was it?

The Department of Education adjusted our early years block by £928,000 before 01 April 2023.

4a) Does your answer to Q1 or 2 above factor in this adjustment?

Yes, this adjustment in our response to Question 4 is included in our response to Question 1.

5. Has your 2022/23 early years block been subject to an adjustment by the Department for Education since 1 April 2023 and now? If so, was this a positive or negative adjustment and how much was it?

The Department of Education adjusted our early years block by £73,000 before 1 April 2023.

5a) Does your answer to Q1 or 2 above include any adjustment?

No.

6. Under the pass-through regulations, what percentage of your budget for funded three and four-year-olds did you pass through to providers in 2022/23?

96%.

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Yours faithfully

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