

## FOI Request - Childcare Survey - 101003685698

### Childcare Survey 2025 – local authorities in Scotland - FOI

Freedom of information request deadline: Thursday 23 January 2025

1. **Your details:** We will only use these to contact you about the survey

<i>Local authority</i>	

#### **Note on terminology**

By a '**nursery**', we mean all Care Inspectorate registered childcare providers that look after groups of children under five on non-domestic premises for at least 25 hours per week. This includes pre-schools, day nurseries, nursery schools and schools with a nursery.

'**Maintained**' means provision run by the local authority or a state school/nursery. These may or may not make charges to parents.

'**PVI**' means provision run by the private sector, voluntary providers, or independent schools, including PVI provision in children's centres.

#### **Section A: prices**

##### **For children under two**

Please provide us with the average prices in your area for children under 2 for: maintained (local authority or state school or nursery provision) nurseries, PVI (private, voluntary and independent provision) nurseries, and childminders.

*Nurseries record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am to 6pm. If the nursery does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.*

By '**Maintained**', we mean run by the local authority, such as a state school or local authority-run nursery.

2. For children **under two**:

A place in a <b>maintained</b> nursery for 25 hours a week	
A place in a <b>PVI</b> nursery for 25 hours a week	
A place with a <b>childminder</b> for 25 hours a week	
A place in a <b>maintained</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place in a <b>PVI</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	

A place with a <b>childminder</b> for 50 hours a week	
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### For two-year-olds

Please provide us with the average prices in your area for two-year-olds who are **not** eligible for the 1,140 hour entitlement at: maintained (local authority or state school or nursery provision) nurseries, PVI (private, voluntary and independent provision) nurseries, and childminders.

Nurseries record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am to 6pm. If the nursery does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.

By '**Maintained**', we mean run by the local authority, such as a state school or local authority-run nursery.

- Please provide us with the average price for **two-year-olds** (who are **NOT** eligible for the 1,140 hour entitlement) in the following types of provision:

A place in a <b>maintained</b> nursery for 25 hours a week	
A place in a <b>PVI</b> nursery for 25 hours a week	
A place with a <b>childminder</b> for 25 hours a week	
A place in a <b>maintained</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place in a <b>PVI</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place with a <b>childminder</b> for 50 hours a week	

### For three- and four-year-olds

Please provide us with the average prices in your area for three- and four-year-olds for: maintained (local authority or state school or nursery provision) nurseries, PVI (private, voluntary and independent provision) nurseries, and childminders.

Please answer **only ONE** of the following two questions.

Nurseries record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am to 6pm. If the nursery does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.

By '**Maintained**', we mean run by the local authority, such as a state school or local authority-run nursery.

4. **Either:** Please provide us with the average prices of childcare where parents **use their 1,140 hour entitlement during term time and pay for 20 hours** at the following types of provision:

A place in a <b>maintained</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place in a <b>PVI</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place with a <b>childminder</b> for 50 hours a week	

5. **Or:** Please provide us with the average weekly price of childcare **before the funded entitlement has been taken into account.**

A place in a <b>maintained</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place in a <b>PVI</b> nursery for 50 hours a week	
A place with a <b>childminder</b> for 50 hours a week	

**Please provide us with the weekly price of 25 hours of childcare for a child under two at the most expensive and least expensive nurseries in your area.**

6. Please provide us with the weekly price of 25 hours of childcare for a child under two at:

The <b>most expensive</b> nursery that you are aware of in your area	
The <b>least expensive</b> nursery that you are aware of in your area	

7. Please provide the average weekly price for an **afterschool club** and **childminder** in your area.

Care for school-age children to around 6pm (approximately 15 hours per week) at an <b>afterschool club</b>	
Care for school-age children to around 6pm (approximately 15 hours per week) with a <b>childminder</b>	

**Section B: numbers of providers**

8. How many of these types of providers do you have in your local authority?

By '**Maintained**', we mean run by the local authority, such as a state school or local authority-run nursery.

Maintained nurseries	
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PVI nurseries	
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**Section C: childcare availability**

9. Please tell us the percentage of children in your local authority for whom you have enough childcare.

	For 100%	75% to 99%	For 50% to 75%	For 25% to 50%	For less than 25%	Data not held or cannot tell
Two-year-olds and under ( <b>not</b> entitled to the funded entitlement)						
Two-year-olds (entitled to the 1,140-hour funded entitlement)						
Three- to four-year-olds						
5- to 11-year-olds <b>before</b> school (e.g. breakfast club or childminder)						
5- to 11-year-olds <b>after</b> school (until around 6pm)						
12- to 14-year-olds <b>before</b> school (e.g. breakfast club or childminder)						
12- to 14-year-olds <b>after</b> school (until around 6pm)						
Children and young people with SEND						
Parents working full time (9am to 5pm on weekdays)						
Parents working atypical hours (outside 9am to 5pm on weekdays)						
Families living in rural areas (please leave this question blank if there are no rural areas in your local authority)						

8. Please tell us the percentage of wards in your local authority where you have enough childcare.

100% of wards	75% to 99%	50% to 75%	25% to 50%	Less than 25%	Data not held or

						cannot tell
For <b>early years</b> children						
For <b>school-age</b> children and young people						

*Thank you for completing our survey, we really appreciate your help.*