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**From:** FOI Responses  
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**To:** Investigations  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Response

Good morning

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 1 July 2024, for information about Local Authority provider payments, capital grants and childcare sufficiency assessments.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Provider payments:**

**Request:**

1. What is the current timeframe for financial year 2024/25 on which you pay childcare providers for the delivery of funded early education and childcare places? (ie. Do you currently pay providers monthly, termly, offer a choice or use a different timeframe?)
  - Monthly
  - Termly
  - Mix/Provider choice
  - Other approach

**Response:**

City of Doncaster pays providers monthly.

**Request:**

2. If you pay termly do you split the funding, please provide details of how this is done? (eg 75% at the start of term and 25% towards the end?)

**Response:**

Not applicable.

**Request:**

3. If you pay termly, when in the term do you make the first payment to providers?

Within the first two weeks

Within weeks 2-4

Within weeks 4-6

After week 6

**Response:**

Not applicable.

**Request:**

4. If you pay monthly, when in the month do you make the payment to providers?

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

**Response:**

The payment is made at week 3.

**Request:**

5. Have you consulted with providers in the last two years on how you make payments to them for the delivery of funded early education and childcare places?

Yes

No

Currently running or planning consultation

**Response:**

No. City of Doncaster Council has not consulted with providers in the last two years on how payments are made to them for the delivery of funded early education and childcare places.

**Capital Grants:**

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

**Request:**

6. How much (in £) was your local authority's allocation from central government under the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant scheme?

**Response:**

The allocation from Central Government was £600,416.78. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childcare-expansion-capital-grant-funding>

**Request:**

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

**Response:**

£299,708 has been committed to eligible recipients.

**Request:**

8. 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 providers in the early years sector
  - b. School based settings
  - c. Local authority infrastructure projects

**Response:**

8a. £198,900

8b. £100,808

8c. £0

**Request:**

9. Please provide a % breakdown of the distributed funds under the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant has been spent between:
- a. Children taking up an early years place through the expanded 30-hours entitlement for qualifying working parents
  - b. Increasing the supply of wraparound childcare for primary-school aged children.

**Response:**

9a. 82%

9b. 18%

**Childcare Sufficiency Assessments:**

**Request:**

10. Have you completed a Childcare Sufficiency Assessments in the last two years? Please provide a copy of this CSA report.

**Response:**

Yes. The report can be found at:

[https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Documents/DocumentView/Stream/Media/Default/ChildrenYoungPeopleFamilies/2023 Doncaster Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.pdf](https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Documents/DocumentView/Stream/Media/Default/ChildrenYoungPeopleFamilies/2023%20Doncaster%20Childcare%20Sufficiency%20Assessment.pdf)

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

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Yours sincerely,

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