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Sent: 22 January 2025 17:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Request - [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20 December 2024, for information about funding for Children Centres and Family Hubs.

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

Request:

1. How many children's centres and family hubs, operated or funded by your council or delivered in your local authority area, were open in 2023/2024.

Response:

There are 12 Family Hubs under City of Doncaster Councils jurisdiction.

Request:

2. Please provide a break down by a) children's centres b) family hubs c) centres by another name. If you have this information, please also provide the postcode for each of these centres or hubs.

Response:

A breakdown of the 12 Family hubs are as follows:
North Locality - Adwick Family Hub – DN6 7RU
North Locality - Askern Family Hub – DN6 0HZ
North Locality - Bentley Family Hub – DN5 0NP
East Locality - Armthorpe Family Hub – DN3 2DG
East Locality - Moorends Family Hub – DN8 4SB
East Locality - Stainforth Family Hub – DN7 5DH
Central Locality - Balby Family Hub – DN4 0TY
Central Locality - Central Family Hub – DN1 3QS
Central Locality - Wheatley Family Hub – DN2 4AJ
South Locality - Denaby & Conisbrough Family Hub – DN12 4HZ
South Locality - Rossington Family Hub – DN11 0TA
South Locality - Mexborough Family Hub – S64 9ED

Request:

2. Please complete the table below providing your total budget and spend on children's centres and/or family hubs in 2023/2024 and budget for 2024/25. If you have this information, please provide a break down by each centre or hub. Please also list the funding sources for your children's centres and/or family hubs. Where there are partner contributions or co-commissioned services, please specify.

Response:

Please see completed table below:

	Budget 2023/24	Spend 2023/24	Budget 2024/25
CF064 FAMILY HUB - NORTH	£585,380	£522,042	£616,420
CF065 FAMILY HUB - SOUTH/WEST	£589,070	£587,296	£620,440
CF066 FAMILY HUB - CENTRAL	£706,310	£666,372	£745,110
CF067 FAMILY HUB - EAST	£615,420	£546,405	£619,360
CF068 FAMILY HUB MANAGEMENT	£55,160	£43,885	£60,070
CF073 FAMILY HUBS & START FOR LIFE	£1,461,880	£1,434,383	£1,921,760
Total children's centres and family hubs	£4,013,220	£3,800,383	£4,583,160

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3. How many children's centres or family hubs do you expect to be available in your local authority 2024/5.

Response:

It is expected that 12 family hubs will be available in 2024/25.

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4. If you have this information, please let us know how many children and families used these centres in the last financial year (2023/24). Please provide a breakdown by each centre, if you have this information. Please also provide a breakdown by the age of the children supported by these centres or hubs using the following categories, if you have this information: 0-4, 5-11, 11+

Response:

Total number of individuals seen by age group in 2023/24:

- Adwick Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,134), Aged 5-10 (149), Aged 11-18 (101), Aged 19+ (2,092), Total (3,476)
- Askern Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (849), Aged 5-10 (130), Aged 11-18 (65), Aged 19+ (1,357), Total (2,401)
- Bentley Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,442), Aged 5-10 (210), Aged 11-18 (151), Aged 19+ (2,560), Total (4,363)
- Armthorpe Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,453), Aged 5-10 (163), Aged 11-18 (65), Aged 19+ (2,482), Total (4,163)
- Moorends Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (635), Aged 5-10 (64), Aged 11-18 (50), Aged 19+ (1,081), Total (1,830)
- Stainforth Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (910), Aged 5-10 (99), Aged 11-18 (131), Aged 19+ (2,191), Total (3,331)
- Balby Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,124), Aged 5-10 (166), Aged 11-18 (79), Aged 19+ (2,349), Total (3,718)
- Central Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,916), Aged 5-10 (509) Aged 11-18 (609), Aged 19+ (4,193), Total (7,227)
- Wheatley Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,508), Aged 5-10 (290) Aged 11-18 (166), Aged 19+ (3,212), Total (5,176)
- Denaby & Conisbrough Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,325), Aged 5-10 (180) Aged 11-18 (192), Aged 19+ (2,319), Total (4,016)
- Rossington Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,258), Aged 5-10 (135) Aged 11-18 (97), Aged 19+ (2,139), Total (3,629)
- Mexborough Family Hub – Aged 0-4 (1,157), Aged 5-10 (145) Aged 11-18 (104), Aged 19+ (2,043), Total (3,449)
- Total of all Hubs – Aged 0-4 (14,963) Aged 5-10 (3,289) Aged 11-18 (4,226), Aged 19+ (28,351), Total (50,829)

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5. If you have this information, in the text box below, please list which of the following services are offered by children’s centres or family hubs in your local authority area in 2023/24. If the service is provided within the centre, but delivered by an external provider, please specify. Examples of services might include: health visiting sessions; childcare; parenting or family support; support for mental health, addiction, or domestic abuse; pre-natal support; SEND support, support around engagement with school, including attendance; culturally specific support for racially minoritised children and families; activities for different age groups, including 0-4s; 5-11s; over 11s.

Response:

Please see below services delivered by City of Doncaster Council Family Hubs:

- Activities for children aged 0-11, including Stay & Play, Toddler Time, Baby Fun, Wriggle Rhyme & Story Time, Forest School, Dads Group, Family Fun events
- Baby Massage
- Early Days Worker contacts and support
- Young Carers direct work and social groups
- Parent Engagement Worker contacts and support
- Pathway Worker contacts and support
- EPEC parenting courses
- Triple P Baby parenting course
- Talking Together speech and language drop ins and support
- Infant feeding support
- School readiness support
- Perinatal mental health support
- Housing and cost of living support
- Sleep support
- Childcare support
- Oral health support
- Parenting support

Delivered in partnership with RDASH

- First Friends baby group
- Antenatal Solihull

Delivered in Family Hubs by an external provider

- Health visiting
- Midwifery appointments
- Counselling
- Parenting courses and groups
- Smoking cessation
- Adult Learning courses
- SEND support
- Breastfeeding groups
- Youth services
- Mental health support
- Family support
- Family time - contacts
- Domestic abuse support
- Nutrition and weight management support
- Substance misuse support
- SEND support



Request:

6. Please attach your council's overarching plan or strategy for children's centres and/or family hubs in your area.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information can be accessed via the Early Help Strategy and Impact Report at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/early-help-what-is-it-in-doncaster> and information on the range of services working in and through Family Hubs at: <https://www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/family-hubs>

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7. Please also attach your Section 251 returns on Sure Start children's centres and other spend on children under 5-years-old.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case, the Section 251 data for all authorities is published by the DfE on their website at: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/la-and-school-expenditure> This data can be downloaded and includes the Doncaster 251 expenditure on Sure Start children's centres and other spend on children under 5-years-old.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £147.00 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

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Yours sincerely,

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