



30 August 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1106/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

2 years ago, we were hearing from our members that installations of new playground equipment were falling in England and that this was due directly to a lack of funding within local authorities. This worried us and our members at a time when Childhood obesity is increasing and there are more instances of divided communities. In order to quantify what was happening we commissioned a report which resulted in our #nowheretoplay campaign highlighting the extent of the problem. We believe it is now time to refresh our information and to once again highlight to government the problems resulting from a reduction in children's play facilities. We would therefore urge you to support us in the FOI request.

1. How many public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks, etc.) do you currently have available to the public in your LA area?

Answer: Rutland County Council currently has 16 public play facilities available to the public.

2. What was your total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks, etc.) in each of the following years?

a. 2016-17

Answer: £4,800

b. 2017-18

Answer: £4,800

3. What is your expected total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks, etc.) in each of the following years?

a. 2018-19

Answer: £4,900

b. 2019-20

Answer: £4,900

c. 2020-21

Answer: £5,000

4. How many public playgrounds and play facilities were closed in your LA area and what proportion of your total play facilities did this represent, in each of the following years?

a. 2016-17

Answer: No public play facilities were closed in 2016-17.

b. 2017-18

Answer: No public play facilities were closed in 2017-18.

5. How many public playgrounds and play facilities do you expect will close and what proportion of your total play facilities will this represent, in each of the following years?

a. 2018-19

Answer: No public play facilities are expected to close in 2018-19.

b. 2019-20

Answer: No public play facilities are expected to close in 2019-20.

c. 2020-21

Answer: No public play facilities are expected to close in 2020-21.

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Yours faithfully

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