

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20190170**  
 Date FOI Received: **28/02/2019**  
 Department: **Parks**  
 Title: **Playground cuts**  
 Description: **The number of children's playgrounds managed by the local authority each year from 2009-10 and the numbers cut or cancelled as well as any charges applied.**

**Request:** *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information on the following:

1. How many children's playgrounds were managed by the local authority in each year from 2009-10?
2. How many children's playgrounds (existing or planned) have been closed or cancelled because of cuts to the local authority's budget in each year since 2009-10?
3. How much local authority money has been spent on children's playgrounds in each year since 2009-10?
4. How many children's playgrounds are proposed for closure within the next year?
5. Has the local authority charged for the use of any children's playgrounds under its control and, if so, when this charge was introduced, how much was this charge introduced and how many children's play areas the charge has applied to in each year since 2009-10?

I would prefer to receive the information electronically.

**Response:** *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Please see table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>09-10</b>	<b>10-11</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>
Q1.	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	30	30
Q2.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q3.*										
Q4.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Q5.	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

\*Question 3. This information is not held.

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services