

**REQUEST 16690**

**RESPONSE**

**Provider Payments:**

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?)

Termly

*Monthly; Termly; Mix/Provider Choice; Other approach*

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?)

80% payment 1<sup>st</sup> week of the term

20% payment approx. 6 weeks into the each term

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

See above

4. If you pay monthly, when in the month do you make the payment to providers? Week 1, Week 2, Week 3, Week 4

N/A

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

Have consulted within the last 12 months, however, further clarification was required on how monthly payments would operate. Met with our IT provider 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to understand timing of payments and processes for monthly. Will be consulting with providers within the next 4 weeks.

**Currently running or planning consultation 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.

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

£710,000

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

£4,478 (awarded)

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

£4,478 awarded to School based setting

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.
- 100% awarded for increasing the supply of wraparound childcare for primary school aged children

**Childcare Sufficiency Assessments:**

10. Have you completed a Childcare Sufficiency Assessments in the last two years? Please provide a copy of this CSA report.
- [Wigan Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Report 2022](#)