

REQUEST	15836	RESPONSE
<u>Local Authority funding for free entitlement for two, three and four-year-olds Financial year 2022/23</u>		
1. Did you have an underspend in the early years block for funded places at the end of 2022/23? Yes/no. If yes, please give amount of underspend. OR:	1. Yes £526,353.85	
2. Did you have an overspend in the early years block for funded places at the end of 2022/23? Yes/no. If yes please give amount of overspend.	2. No	
3. What actions, if any, were agreed relating to this underspend or overspend? For example, we used our underspend to offset a deficit in the high needs block, or the overspend will be recovered from funding rates in future years etc.	3. The underspend has been transferred into a specific earmarked Early Years Block reserve to be utilised to fund future overspends caused by in year volatility in numbers.	
4. Has your early years block been subject to an in-year adjustment by the Department for Education? If so, was this a positive or negative adjustment and how much was it? For example, the DfE adjusted our early years block by +/- £200,000 before 01 April 2023 Does your answer to Q1 or 2 above factor in this adjustment? For example, a £40,000 overspend was recorded after a –£200,000 adjustment.	4. In year reduction of £183,466 as part of our census submissions. Yes underspend figure of £526,353.85 is after this in-year reduction of £183,466.	
5. Has your 2022/23 early years block been subject to an adjustment by the Department for Education since 1 April 2023 and now? If so, was this a positive or negative adjustment and how much was it? For example, the DfE adjusted our early years block by +/- £200,000 after 01 April 2023. Does your answer to Q1 or 2 above include any adjustment?	5. A further reduction of £234,249 as part of our census submissions. No this will need to be subsequently funded out of the earmarked Early Years Block reserve.	
6. Under the pass-through regulations, what percentage of your budget for funded three and four-year-olds did you pass through to providers in 2022/23?	6. 97.2%	