

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/525659

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request:

a) How many of the 435 additional teachers or graduates do you expect to be allocated to your local authority area.

East Lothian has been allocated 3 graduates

b) How many of these expected teachers or graduates will be in place by this August.

The posts are currently advertised and we would hope to recruit to positions as soon as possible. The posts were not in place in August.

Please see the following parliamentary question and answer for reference:

Question S5W-15855: Willie Rennie, North East Fife, Scottish Liberal Democrats, Date Lodged: 10/04/2018

To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-15083 by Maree Todd on 20 March 2018, what progress it has made in each local authority area with recruiting the additional 435 teachers and graduates for nurseries in deprived areas, and whether each of the nurseries will have an additional graduate in place by 31 December 2018.

Answered by Maree Todd (08/05/2018):

The Scottish Government is currently working with local authorities to deliver our commitment to provide an additional graduate in nurseries in Scotland's most deprived areas by August 2018. Up to £18 million has been allocated in 2018-19 to cover the additional staffing costs associated with delivering this commitment. £12 million of this has been initially allocated across local authorities based on their share of the 435 graduate posts, as set out in the Revenue Funding Allocations letter issued to local authorities on 22 February 2018.

Following confirmation of funding allocations in February 2018, local authorities are working towards the recruitment of the additional graduates in line with their Additional Graduate Action Plans to ensure that the additional staff are in place by August 2018. We recently wrote to local authorities to agree their proposals, as set out in their Action Plans, that a small number of the additional posts could be allocated across more than one setting.