

# East Lothian Council

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***I would like access to the following information from the Local Authority:***

***1. Data on the number of Primary School Deferment applications made from 2013 – 2018. Can the data be separated for gender and birth month (August – December)?***

Please refer to Appendix I overleaf.

***2. Data on the number of Primary School Deferment applications that we successful from 2013 -2018. Can the data be separated for gender and birth month (August – December)?***

Please refer to Appendix I overleaf.

***3. Data on the reasons for rejection and/or approval of Primary School deferment applications from 2013 - 2018.***

Reasons for rejection - Application not supported by the Head Teacher and/or Lead Professionals. The panel took account of the concerns raised and it was felt that these concerns can be addressed within primary one and the flexible learning.

Reasons for approval – please refer to the response to question 4.

***4. Data on the criteria applied in decision-making regarding Primary School deferment processes from 2013 - 2018. Please include any guidance/ protocols/ procedures used in this process.***

East Lothian Council (ELC) does not operate a fixed criteria that allows a child to be granted an additional funded year at nursery.

The focus when considering deferrals will take account of:

- approach and attitude to learning
- ability to communicate own needs, feelings and ideas
- levels of independence and self help
- emotional and personal development, including self-confidence and esteem
- relationships and friendships with other children and adults

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**5. Data on the number of appeals on decision-making regarding deferment applications from 2013 - 2018.**

There were 5 appeals/complaints against decisions in 2018.

ELC does not hold this information for 2013-2017. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to fully comply with this part of your request as not all of the information you require is held.

**6. Data on the number of complaints on decision-making regarding deferment decisions from 2013 - 2018.**

Please refer to question 5 above.

**7. Data on children withdrawn from Primary one and reasons for this, for these children were deferment applications made?**

ELC does not record this information. Parents do not have an obligation to inform the authority that they are not taking a place in primary one.

In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

***Please note that I refer to the definition of Deferral to be the request to the Council for an additional year's funding for Nursery. This means for those children requesting an additional years funding from the Council nursery who have a birthday between August and December. I do not require any data on children who have birthdays in January and February as those children are automatically deferred.***

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## Appendix I

Deferrals by Year:

<b>Year</b>	<b>DOB</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>2013</b>	December	Total	18	7	11
		Granted	18	7	11
		Refused	0	0	0
	November	Total	6	2	4
		Granted	6	2	4
		Refused	0	0	0
	October	Total	3	0	3
		Granted	3	0	3
		Refused	0	0	0
	September		None		
	August		None		

<b>2014</b>	December	Total	15	3	12
		Granted	13	2	11
		Refused	2	1	1
	November	Total	3	1	2
		Granted	3	1	2
		Refused	0	0	0
	October	Total	5	1	4
		Granted	4	1	3
		Refused	1	0	1
	September	Total	3	2	1
		Granted	2	1	1
		Refused	1	1	0
	August	Total	1	0	1
		Granted	1	0	1
		Refused	0	0	0

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<b>Year</b>	<b>DOB</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>2015</b>	December	Total	12	6	6
		Granted	11	6	5
		Refused	1	0	1
	November	Total	1	1	0
		Granted	1	1	0
		Refused	0	0	0
	October	Total	3	1	2
		Granted	1	1	0
		Refused	2	0	2
	September	Total	2	1	1
		Granted	1	1	0
		Refused	1	0	1
	August	Total	2	0	2
		Granted	1	0	1
		Refused	1	0	1

<b>2016</b>	December	Total	6	3	3
		Granted	6	3	3
		Refused	0	0	0
	November	Total	4	0	4
		Granted	3	0	3
		Refused	1	0	1
	October	Total	3	2	1
		Granted	2	1	1
		Refused	1	1	0
	September	Total	2	0	2
		Granted	1	0	1
		Refused	1	0	1
	August		None		

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<b>Year</b>	<b>DOB</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>2017</b>	December	Total	15	8	7
		Granted	12	5	7
		Refused	3	3	0
	November	Total	2	0	2
		Granted	2	0	2
		Refused	0	0	0
	October	Total	4	1	3
		Granted	3	1	2
		Refused	1	0	1
	September	Total	1	0	1
		Granted	0	0	0
		Refused	1	0	1
	August		None		

<b>2018</b>	December	Total	11	3	8
		Granted	7	2	5
		Refused	4	1	3
	November	Total	3	1	2
		Granted	1	1	0
		Refused	2	0	2
	October	Total	1	0	1
		Granted	1	0	1
		Refused	0	0	0
	September		None		
	August	Total	2	0	2
		Granted	1	0	1
		Refused	1	0	1