**WBCIR:17725**

1. **How many public children’s playgrounds were managed and maintained by you at the start of each of the last five financial years  
   a) 1.4.19:** 101 **b) 1.4.20:** 101 **c) 1.4.21:** 101 **d) 1.4.22:** 102 **e) 1.4.23:** 104

**2. What was your spend in each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23) on the maintenance, or improvement or development of children’s playgrounds in your local authority area? If possible please break this figure down into (i) revenue spend and (ii) capital expenditure.**

* **Parks & Open Spaces**

18/19 - £100k  
19/20 - £100k  
20/21 - £120k  
21/22 - £590k – Incl £450k S106  
22/23 - £570k – Incl £430k S106

* **Countryside services**

18/19: 53092.63

19/20: 25446.25

20/21: 34207.74

21/22: 50794.54

22/23: 31114.16

23/24: 11760.65

**3. How many accidents have been reported to you where people have been injured in public children’s playgrounds for which you have responsibility in each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23)?**

**18/19:** 5

**19/20:** 6

**20/21:** 3

**21/22:** 5

**22/23:** 6 **4. In relation to accidents in the last financial year (22/23) please provide me with a summary of how each accident took place and the extent of the injury.**

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| **Date** | **Summary** | **Type of injury** | **Hazard Type** |
| 29/04/2022 | Female member of the public stated she lost her footing whilst carrying her baby when watching the children and injured her left ankle. First Aider was called to attend and the ground was check the ground where it happened and although it was a little uneven, it wasn't a path and no pegs, roots or rabbit digging were observed to indicate a cause. | Sprain or strain -  suspected fracture | Slips, trips or falls on same level |
| 30/04/2022 | Child fell from the top of large spinning roundabout onto the floor which resulted in them breaking their elbow. Accident happened while several children were observed on it as well as pushing it. Child was being watched by guardian but they were unable to get to child quickly enough to prevent the fall | Fracture | Falls from height up to and including 2 metres |
| 17/05/2022 | Child climbed steps to use the slide and fell off head first from 3rd step of the slide ladder landing on their head and left arm. An ambulance called and child was take child to hospital accident and emergency for examination,  x-ray confirmed broken wrist. | Fracture | Falls from height up to and including 2 metres |
| 18/08/2022 | Child was coming out of a tunnel section of play equipment and on stepping down, slipped and banged their chin. Small cut to underside of chin and knocked out one of their front baby teeth. | Laceration | Falls from height up to and including 2 metres |
| 10/10/2022 | Child slipped off roundabout and landed awkwardly, fracturing their ankle. | Fracture | Falls from height up to and including 2 metres |
| 23/02/2023 | Child lost footing whilst climbing in the slatted tunnel in the play area getting their right foot caught between the planks of wood and hung from their foot temporarily before falling to the ground. Child attended hospital several days after inicdents to have an Xray with suspected buckle fracture to right foot - later diagnosed as just bruising. | Bruising inc kick & hair pull | Falls from height up to and including 2 metres |

**5. For each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23) please state how much compensation has been paid to people who were injured in accidents that took place in public children’s playgrounds for which you have responsibility? NOTE: I am interested in when the compensation was paid not when the accident took place or when the claim was lodged.**

The council records claims by calendar year and not by financial year. We have therefore answered this question for the full calendar years 2018 to 2023: no compensation has been paid in respect of alleged injuries occurring in public children’s playgrounds for which we have responsibility.