**WBCIR:18320**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information, regarding local childcare availability in your local authority:**

**1.The number of childcare places available for children aged 0-5 with special educational needs or disabilities in each of the last five years;**

We do not record this information. The reason for this is that there is a very board definition of children with additional needs and disabilities – right from low level need that is met in mainstream settings right through to more specialties need being met by more specialist providers. In mainstream settings they do not reserve specific places for children with additional needs and so we would not be able to say how many places were available for them as in theory if settings could meet need all places were available for children.

**2. The number of children aged 0-5 with an EHC plan or an application for an EHC plan in each of the last five years.**

We have recorded the requests for assessments and the maintained plans separate. The number of requests is the age of child at the time of request.

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| **Calendar year** | **Requests** |
| 2019 | 67 |
| 2020 | 86 |
| 2021 | 119 |
| 2022 | 124 |
| 2023 | 145 |
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| **As of…** | **Maintained plans** |
| 01/01/2020 | 62 |
| 01/01/2021 | 73 |
| 01/01/2022 | 112 |
| 01/01/2023 | 134 |
| 01/01/2024 | 157 |