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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI468888349**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Local Authority funding for free entitlement for two, three and four-year-olds.

You have requested the following information:

**Financial year 2021/22**

**1. Did you have an underspend in the early years block for funded places in 2021/22?**

**Yes/no. Please give amount.**

No.

**OR:**

**2. Did you have an overspend in the early years block for funded places in 2021/22? Yes/no. Please give amount.**

Yes, our in-year position for 21/22 was an underspend of £188k. However, this was offset by an adjustment relating to 2020/21. This reduced our allocation by £285k meaning our overall position in 2021/22 was an overspend of £97k.

**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**

In Coventry we have a DSG reserve, and this overspend was covered by making a contribution from our DSG reserve.

**4. Has your early years block been subject to an in-year adjustment by the Department for Education? If so, by how much? For example, the DfE adjusted our underspend by £200,000 which left us with an overspend of £20,000 overall. Does your answer to Q1 or 2 above include any adjustment?**

Please refer to Question 2.

**5. Has your 2021/22 early years block been subject to an adjustment by the Department for Education since 1 April 2022 and now? If so, by how much? For example, the DfE adjusted our underspend by £200,000 which left us with an overspend of £20,000 overall. Does your answer to Q1 or 2 above include any adjustment?**

Yes, we have received notification of an adjustment to our 2021/22 early years block since 1 April 2022. This has increased our allocation by £222k.

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