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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI859454244

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's playground provision and investment.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and/or the Environmental Information Regulations, as applicable, please provide the following recorded information concerning publicly accessible equipped children's playgrounds owned, managed or maintained by Coventry City Council.

For this request, "children's playground" means a publicly accessible outdoor play area containing fixed play equipment primarily intended for children.

Please exclude school playgrounds, privately owned facilities, standalone outdoor gyms, standalone skateparks and standalone multi-use games areas, unless they form part of an equipped children's playground included in the council's records.

If the council uses a different recorded definition, please answer using that definition and briefly explain it.

Please provide:

1. Current playground provision

The number of equipped children's playgrounds currently owned, managed or maintained

by the council, and the date on which this figure was correct.

44, which was made correct on 28 July 2026.

2. Openings and closures

For each completed financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26:

- a. The number of equipped children's playgrounds opened.**
- b. The number permanently closed.**

Please do not count temporary closures for maintenance or refurbishment as permanent closures.

If annual figures are not held for the full period, please provide the years that are available and state which years are not held.

In response to Question 2, we confirm we do not hold this information and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this information on our system.

3. Playground expenditure

For each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26, please provide the recorded figure held by the council.

- a. Recorded revenue expenditure on the inspection, routine maintenance and repair of equipped children's playgrounds.**
- b. Recorded capital expenditure on the creation, replacement or major refurbishment of equipped children's playgrounds.**

Please provide revenue and capital expenditure separately where possible.

If playground expenditure cannot be separated from a wider parks or leisure budget, please provide the relevant figure as held and briefly explain what it includes. We are not asking the council to undertake a new calculation.

Where the 2025/26 figure has not been finalised or audited, please provide the latest provisional figure and identify it as provisional.

In response to Question 3, we refer you to the attached documents.

4. Inclusive playground provision

The number of council-maintained playgrounds currently recorded or designated by the council as having inclusive play facilities.

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If readily available, please provide the definition or criteria used by the council to classify a playground as inclusive. If the council does not maintain this classification, please state

that the information is not held.

We confirm we do not hold this information, and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is determined and recorded by the Annual Inspector, which falls outside of the Council.

5. Accessible equipment

The number of council-maintained playgrounds currently recorded as containing at least one item of accessible play equipment.

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If readily available, please provide the definition or criteria used to classify equipment as accessible. If the council does not maintain this classification, please state that the information is not held.

We confirm we do not hold this information, and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is determined and recorded by the Annual Inspector, which falls outside of the Council.

6. Playgrounds awaiting repair

As of the date the information is extracted:

a. The number of individual playgrounds affected by an open or outstanding equipment repair.

Please refer to the attached document, which includes sites with open findings along with a list of sites excluding MUGA's and includes sites and play areas.

b. The date on which this figure was correct.

28 July 2026.

Please provide the information in Excel or CSV format where possible.

We are requesting recorded totals or figures already held by the council and are not asking the council to inspect individual files or create new statistics.

If any part of the request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please provide reasonable advice and assistance on how it could be narrowed. Where possible, please provide the information that can be retrieved within the limit, prioritising questions 1–3.

If the council does not own, manage or maintain any equipped children's playgrounds, please confirm this. If another public body holds the information, please identify that body where known.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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