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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-17-0232 - Play Parks  
**Date:** 08 March 2017 15:50:23  
**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 16 February 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Would it be possible to provide me with the following information?**

**1: How many play areas/play parks/play grounds are there in your local authority?**

147 equipped play areas.

**2: How much is spent each year on the maintenance of play areas/play parks/play grounds and what percentage is this of your annual budget?**

There is a current budget of £368K allocated to play areas. This includes the inspection and maintenance of existing play areas plus the project management of capital projects relating to play. We are unable to break this down as a percentage.

**3: How often are play areas/play parks/play grounds inspected? (eg: annually/every 6 months?)**

Play areas are inspected by in house staff fortnightly. Play areas area also inspected by an independent inspector annually.

**4: How many accidents have been reported in local authority play areas/ play parks/play grounds during the past five years – (2011-2016)?**

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**5: How much has been paid out in compensation as a result of accidents in local authority play areas/play parks/play grounds in the past five years?**

Year	No of claims	Net Paid
2010/12	Under 5	£19,187
2012/13	Under 5	£7,624.00
2013/14	Under 5	£0
2015/16	Under 5	£0

Please note that if the number is greater than 0 but less than 5 then the specific numbers have not been provided as such low numbers could lead to identification of individuals.

As such, ACC is unable to provide you with this information as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with 38(2)(a)(i) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(1)(b) applies to the information specified above as the

information in question is personal information relating to living individual(s), of which the applicant is not the data subject. ACC is of the view that disclosing exact numbers could enable the individual(s) involved to be identified.

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(2)(a)(i) applies, as we consider that disclosure of this information would be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle (that personal information must be processed fairly and lawfully). The individual(s) have not consented to the disclosure of their information, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA.

**My request just refers to solo-play parks with play equipment for public use – not attached to school grounds. And the accidents are for members of the public.**

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Information Compliance Officer

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST**

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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