

Findings from Returned Childcare Charges Questionnaire from Partnership Centres

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1. Are you or your partner an employee of West Dunbartonshire Council?	Yes	<input type="text" value="4"/>	No	<input type="text" value="15"/>	<input type="text"/>	
2. Do you pay for your childcare?	Yes	<input type="text" value="19"/>	No	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
3. Does your child attend any of the following?						
Council Early Education and Childcare Centre		<input type="text"/>				
Council Out of School Care		<input type="text"/>				
Private Nursery		<input type="text" value="19"/>				
Private/Voluntary Out of School Care		<input type="text"/>				
4. How many children do you have in childcare?		<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="Blank"/>
5. What ages are the children?		<input type="text" value="0 - 3yrs"/>	<input type="text" value="3 - 5yrs"/>	<input type="text" value="5yrs +"/>	<input type="text" value="blank"/>	
please identify number in each age group		<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Currently the Council childcare charges are as follows:-

£2.50 per hour for nursery provision

£2.00 per hour for out of school care

Discounts

i) parents accessing 20 hours or more of childcare for any one child (in addition to any pre-school or ante pre-school eligibility) should be entitled to a 5% reduction.

ii) parents accessing 40 hours or more of childcare for any one child should be entitled to 10% reduction

iii) if more than one child from the same family is accessing childcare, the second child will be charged at 50% of the agreed rate. If there are three or more children, the third and any subsequent child should be charged 25% of the agreed rate.

It is proposed that the charges are increased to £3.00 and £2.50 per hour and discounts are removed.

Do you think an increase in charges is fair and appropriate?	Yes	<input type="text" value="8"/>	No	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text" value="No ans 1"/>
Do you think the removal of discounts is fair and appropriate?	Yes	<input type="text" value="2"/>	No	<input type="text" value="16"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>

Additional comments:

19 Questionnaires received back

Findings as follows

All of the children attend private nursery

19 parents pay for childcare

8 parents think the childcare charges increase is fair and appropriate

2 parents think that the removal of the discounts is appropriate