

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: CHILDCARE FUNDING BILL

Please see below the further information requested by the Committee following its evidence session with WLGA/ADEW on 6th June.

How many local authorities give parents a choice between non-maintained and maintained settings for accessing the early years foundation phase entitlement

Twenty local authorities offer parents a choice at N1¹.

Fourteen of those 20 authorities also offer a choice at N2²: Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Conwy, Denbighshire, Isle of Anglesey (where the schools admission age is 4), Monmouthshire, Newport, Pembrokeshire (in some circumstances), Powys, Torfaen and Vale of Glamorgan.

Two local authorities - Neath Port Talbot and Swansea - offer N1 and N2 in the maintained sector only.

The hourly rates local authorities are paying to maintained and non-maintained settings for providing the early years foundation phase entitlement

Most local authorities do not pay childcare settings on an hourly rate. Instead there are a variety of different methods/circumstances as to how payments are made to settings, including:

- Same as for schools based on Age Weighted Pupil Unit – these rates vary per local authority
- Flat rate per child per term ranging from £290 to £900
- Flat rate per setting per term up to 8 children with additional amount per additional child
- In line with individual provider rate (unrelated to school rate)
- Flat rate per week per child
- Hourly rate per child ranging from £3 to £3.50 hour
- Funding staff in the settings to meet the required ratios
- Funding for a set number of purchased places.

A list of how many hours of early years foundation phase support each Local Authority is providing

¹ N1 = rising 3s (term after 3rd birthday)

² N2 = school year children turn 4 (full year before Reception)

Local Authority	Number of FP hours paid per week	Local Authority	Number of FP hours paid per week
Blaenau Gwent	12.5	Merthyr Tydfil	12.5
Bridgend	N1: 10 (non-maintained) 10-15 (maintained) N2: 10 (non-maintained) 30 (maintained)	Monmouthshire	10
Caerphilly	10	Neath Port Talbot	12.5
Cardiff	7.5 hours (3 x 2.5 hours) to 12.5 hours (5 x 2.5 hours)	Newport	10 – 12.5
Carmarthenshire	10	Pembrokeshire	10
Ceredigion	10	Powys	12.5
Conwy	10	Rhondda Cynon Taff	15
Denbighshire	10	Swansea	10 (maintained)
Flintshire	10	Torfaen	10 (non-maintained) 12.5 (maintained)
Gwynedd	10	Vale of Glamorgan	12.5
Isle of Anglesey	10	Wrexham	N1: 10 N2: 12.5