

DE/2026-062– Freedom of Information Request

Request:

I would be grateful if you could provide the number of applicants and the number of admissions for all non-statutory preschools located within a five-mile radius of a postcode at Toomebridge, Co. Derry.

I kindly request that this information be provided for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Department Response:

Thank you for your request dated 3 April 2026 seeking information relating to the number of applicants and the number of admissions for all non-statutory pre-schools located within a postcode at Toomebridge, Co Londonderry, for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

I wish to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you have requested. The total enrolments for all pre-school settings (including non-statutory settings) for the years you have requested are available on the DE website and can be found [here](#).

With regard to the information you have requested in respect of the number of applicants to non-statutory pre-school settings within five miles of a postcode, I can advise that the Department does not hold this information.

As the Education Authority (EA) is responsible for managing the pre-school admissions process it may hold this information and would therefore be best placed to respond to this aspect of your request. They can be contacted at infogov@eani.org.uk.

I would also add that following a review of its processes in 2025 the EA introduced a new policy from the 2026/27 admissions process whereby details of the number of applications that a pre-school setting received in the previous year are now included in the published admissions criteria for all settings. You can search for the relevant pre-school settings within a five-mile radius of a postcode using the EA's search facility which can be found [here](#).