



FOI REF:	17482
RESPONSE SENT:	18.08.26

Request

Please provide the following recorded information concerning publicly accessible equipped children's playgrounds owned, managed or maintained by Winchester 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.

2. Openings and closures

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

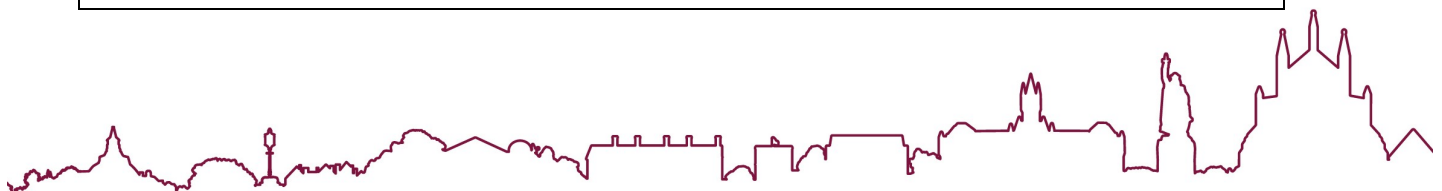
a. The number of equipped children's playgrounds opened. b. The number permanently closed.

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.

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.

4. Inclusive playground provision

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

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.

5. Accessible equipment

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

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.

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. b. The date on which this figure was correct.



Response:

1. 25

2. a. 0

b. 0

3. Playground expenditure

2021/22 Revenue £36,974 / Capital £0.00

2022/23 Revenue £24,011 / Capital £119,100.70

2023/24 Revenue £24,199 / Capital £151,349.10

2024/25 Revenue £22,211 / Capital £226,544.44

2025-26 Revenue £32,808 / Capital £96,885.59

4. 20

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. **Information not held.**

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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. **Information not held.**

6. It is common for play areas to have outstanding equipment repairs so this would apply to most if not all sites. Outstanding defects are monitored and would not affect the playground to the point of closure. (18.08.26)

