

QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor McKenzie for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 31 August
2023**

Under section 1(1C) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, education authorities are empowered to provide discretionary early learning and childcare, over and above the statutory entitlement. This can be used to widen local eligibility criteria.

Question (1) When was the Convener informed of changes to eligibility criteria for discretionary early learning and childcare?

Answer (1)

Question (2) Can the Convener share details of the changes that have been made to the eligibility criteria?

Answer (2)

Question (3) Can the Convener explain how the decision to change the eligibility criteria was reached, including details of any discussions with stakeholders and elected members?

Answer (3)

Question (4) Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed in relation to changes to the eligibility criteria?

Answer (4)

Question (5) How many referrals for discretionary early learning and childcare have been accepted as of 22nd August 2023 in comparison with 22nd August 2022 from each of the following sources:

- a) Self-referrals
- b) Health Visitor referrals
- c) Social Work referrals
- d) Third Sector referrals

Answer (5)

Question (6) Can the Convener share the advice that is being given in response to unsuccessful referrals?

Answer (6)