

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – TOOTHBRUSHING PROGRAMME?

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the Toothbrushing Programme.

Question:

1. How many a) nurseries and b) schools have **applied** to participate in the Toothbrushing Programme?
2. How many a) nurseries and b) schools have **been accepted to participate** in the Toothbrushing Programme?
3. How many a) nurseries and b) schools have **participated** in the Toothbrushing Programme?
4. How many children in your health board have taken part in the Toothbrushing Programme?
 - for each of the last five financial years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 – most recent):

Answer:

Academic Year	Nurseries Invited	Nurseries Accepted	Nurseries Participated	Schools Invited	Schools Accepted	Schools Participated	Total amount of children toothbrushing
2019/20	405	405	405	85	85	85	Nursery - 18,664 Primary - 3,991
2020/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	Pandemic No toothbrushing
2021/22	0	0	0	10	10	10	Pandemic re-mobilisation Primary - 401
2022/23	401	401	401	85	85	85	Nursery - 18,204 Primary 4,025
2023/24	393	393	393	85	85	85	Nursery - 17,724 Primary 4,102

Notes
2020/21 No toothbrushing took place due to pandemic
2021/22 Limited toothbrushing took place due to pandemic/remobilisation
2023/24 Data not complete as still working within this academic year.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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