

60551 Early Years Teachers

Please note, this request is to ascertain the number of main grade GTCS registered teachers who are currently employed in your local authority and are working:

Full or part-time, permanently based in a single nursery centre or nursery class, working with nursery children on a daily basis or;

Peripatetically, across different settings, full or part-time, working with nursery children on a daily basis.

Please clearly state whether the early years teachers in your local authority are based in one setting or work peripatetically. If peripatetic, please give an indication of the model of deployment in terms of setting coverage and working patterns.

For clarity, the focus of this FOI is on main grade teachers, working with children on a daily basis and not on headteachers, depute headteachers or principal teachers, who may have separate responsibilities in relation to nursery settings. The latter are included in the Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland 2025.

We currently have a central team of Early Years Teachers who work on a peripatetic basis, working directly with children on the floor modelling and supporting high quality pedagogy. They are allocated to settings to provide additional support based on a needs basis.

Early Years teachers are a mix of permanent and temporary:

3 permanent part-time teachers - 0.6, 0.6 and 0.5 equalling 1.7FTE.

3 temporary teachers on flexible working - 0.6, 0.8 and 0.85 but covering 3 posts.

The remainder are full-time permanent.

We are also in the process of recruiting a further 5 Early Years Teachers.