

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27269**

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*

*Please could you provide the following information for your local authority for the 2024/25 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme:*

*1. The total number of children eligible for HAF provision in your local authority area in 2024/25.*

32,500 (Includes those who are eligible for means tested free school meals, those who have special educational needs and disabilities, looked after children, families with other support needs).

*2. The total number of HAF places funded and delivered in 2024/25.*

52,600 places/sessions, 33,353 attended.

*3. The number (or percentage, if held in that format) of eligible children who accessed at least one HAF session during 2024/25.*

10,321 unique children.

*4. The method(s) of booking access to HAF provision in your area (for example: school referral, online booking system, mixed access routes).*

Online booking system and referrals from professionals.

*5. Whether waiting lists or caps on places were applied during any part of the 2024/25 HAF programme delivery period (yes/no). If yes, please provide a brief description.*

Yes. All our providers are encouraged to offer a waiting list and overbook where possible – for some providers this is not suitable, for example SEND providers who need to monitor staff to child ratios more accurately due to the added support needs of the children.

