

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2018-19 - 174
Enquiries relating to – nappy queries
Date of response: 19.02.2019

Dear XXX

Freedom of Information Request – nappy queries

I am writing regarding your recent request for information from Somerset Waste Partnership, which has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is a partnership of Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset District Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council. This response covers all those partner authorities.

I confirm we hold the information you request. In response to your questions: -

For the financial year 2018/19 or the calendar year 2018-2019, whichever is more convenient, please provide the following information.

1. Do you distribute any free promotional disposable nappies (such as Pampers) or reusable nappies to parents at any of your children's and family services?

SWP does not distribute any free promotional disposable or reusable nappies.

If the answer is yes to 1, please answer questions 2-7.

2. Which disposable or reusable nappy brand do you allow to distribute their promotional nappies?

3. Which services are they distributed at and how many parents use these facilities annually?

4. How frequently a year have these disposable or reusable nappy brands been able to distribute their promotional material at these services?

5. What is the process for allowing disposable or reusable nappy brands to distribute at your services and who signs it off?

6. Is there any remuneration for the council from these disposable or reusable nappy brands for distributing their promotional material?

Please then answer the remaining questions 7-8 regardless of your answers to 1-6.

7. What initiatives does the Council currently employ to reduce nappy waste and how successful are they? (This may include education programmes for families or tax incentives to nappy waste recycling businesses).

SWP provides advice on a wide range of waste reduction messages on our website and we encourage residents to consider the benefits of using reusable nappies. Please see at <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/reusable-nappies/>.

8. What is your policy on nappy waste reduction and recycling and what do your future plans entail?

SWP follows the waste hierarchy, favours the reduction and reuse integral to reusable nappies, and will continue to promote this through our activities and communications.

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, or the information you have received, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.

Please send your request to:

Lucy Wilkins
Information Governance Team
Somerset County Council
County Hall
Taunton
TA1 4DY or email informationgovernance@Somerset.gov.uk

An internal review will then be carried out and we will write to you with the results of our investigation. If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>) for an appeal: The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113

Please quote the reference numbers at the top of this letter in any future correspondence with Somerset Waste Partnership.

Yours sincerely