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Request:

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

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 15 February 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to disposable/reusable nappies.

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No
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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)
Council have an education officer and recycling officer who talk to community groups about re-using items, reducing waste and recycling waste. Where appropriate the talk will include nappy waste and the opportunity to use re-useable nappies.
8. What is your policy on nappy waste reduction and recycling and what do your future plans entail?
Council have no policy on nappy waste at present other than to raise awareness of the environmental damage of landfilling.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/529/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.