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Department: **Parks**
Title: **Playground inspection numbers and management**
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Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

I am interested in knowing about the Council's digitisation of Playground inspections, as per Westminster Government's push for Local Councils to move to a digital approach for managing its assets and tasks, and its affect on budgets.

I would like to know how many Playground and/or Play Area inspections are carried out each week for Playgrounds / Play Areas you are responsible for?

Also, are these inspections completed by an in-house Council team or are they conducted by a contracted 3rd party company?

Does the Council use digital play inspection software for recording and managing these inspections? If yes, which software is used and how much does it cost the Council on an annual basis for this solution.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. Weekly inspections are carried out for 26 play areas.
2. These inspection are conducted by an external contractor.
3. The external contractor uses digital play inspection software.
4. The council does not hold this information.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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