



Childcare Business Grant Scheme (CBGS)

Background and performance data

In November 2012, Maria Miller (then Minister for Women & Equalities, DCMS) announced that, from April 2013 to April 2014, £2m would be made available to help people set up new childcare businesses in England. This was to provide grants of £250 to prospective child minders and of £500 to those looking to start nurseries and/or look after disabled children. It was anticipated the scheme would help up to 6,000 new childcare businesses get off the ground by helping with start-up costs such as training, insurance, security checks and so on.

As the scheme progressed, it became evident that the Grant was welcomed by applicants in support of the required childcare business start up costs, and Ministers agreed to extend the scheme for a further year until March 2015.

The Autumn Statement 2014 announced a further £2m one year extension until March 2016. At the same time it was announced the sum of the awards would increase from £250 to £500 for prospective childminders; and £500 to £1000 for new and existing nurseries.

The Grant has attracted in excess of 7,000 applications from across England during the lifetime of the Scheme. Table 1 shows the grants awarded by financial year (and it is anticipated a further 1,110 grants will be awarded by the end of December 2015):

Table 1: Childcare Business Grant Scheme Awards

Financial Years	No of Awards
2013/14	2,527
2014/15	2,982
2015/16 (until 5 th October 2015)	1,890
Total	7,399

Source of information:

These data are extracted from the administrative data systems run by Liberata on behalf of the Government Equalities Office/DfE. The data were extracted on 5th October 2015 and represent all Grants awarded on the system.