

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000196
Date 02 June 2016

SEN Placements

Request:

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children's SEN placements?
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*For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information **as a snapshot at the end of the year** for the financial years 2012/13 to 2015/16, and where possible, the most up to date snapshot available for 2016/17.*

2. Please provide the total number of children funded by the local authority with special educational needs (with an EHC plan or statement of SEN/SEND)?
[2011/12 - 1370](#)
[2012/13 - 1490](#)
[2013/14 - 1415](#)
[2014/15 - 1295](#)
[2015/16 - 1278](#)
3. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are in day placements; in 52 week placements; in 38 week placements?
[We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.](#)

[The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 \(equivalent to 18 hours of work\). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:](#)

- [\(a\) Determining whether it holds the information,](#)
- [\(b\) Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,](#)
- [\(c\) Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the](#)

information,
and

(d) *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

The information appertaining to this request is not easily accessible as it is not available in a reportable format. To get the information would require a full scale look into all the individual files and scrutiny of information. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

4. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are looked after children?

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5. Of the total number children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number with a special educational need with Autism (ASD); with a Learning Disability: Multiple/Profound; with a Learning Disability: Specific/Moderate; with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (sometimes abbreviated BESD or EBD)?

2015/16:

ADS – 146

PLOD – 24

MELD – 208

Sold - 0

BEDS/MESH – 105

SLED - 190

We do not hold previous data in a reportable format.

6. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are in Independent Special Schools?

2015/16 – 52

We do not hold previous data in a reportable format.

7. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are in out-of-area placements?

2015/16 – 90

We do not hold previous data in a reportable format.

8. Please provide the Local Authority's total expenditure on SEN placements in Independent Special Schools for each of the financial years 2012/13 to 2015/16, and where possible, budgeted expenditure for 2016/17. If expenditure for 2015/16 is not yet available, please provide projected expenditure?

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2016/17 1,106,515 Budgeted expenditure

2015/16 1,765,890

2014/15 1,161,257

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

2013/14	694,936
2012/13	772,039