

Response to Request for Information

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SEND Tribunals

Request:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. This question relates to SEND Tribunals brought against your local authority. For each financial year (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17*) please state:
 - a) The total number of registered appeals?
2012/13 = 0
2013/14 = 0
2014/15 = 2
2015/16 = 10
2016/17 = 4
 - b) Of those (a), the total number of appeals conceded by your local authority before reaching a hearing?
2014/15 = 1
2015/16 = 4
2016/17 = 0
 - c) The total number of appeals that reached a hearing (in person or in papers)?
2014/15 = 1
2015/16 = 4
2016/17 = 0 to date
 - d) Of those (c), the total number of SEND tribunals (including First Tier and Upper Tribunals) found in favour of your local authority?
2014/15 = 0
2015/16 = 2
2016/17 = 0
 - e) Total legal costs to your local authority to contest appeals brought at SEND tribunals (including First Tier and Upper Tribunals)?
2015/16 = £5287.50

2016/17 = £4697.92

2. This question relates to children aged 5-16 with a Statement of SEN/EHC Plan living within your local authority area who are not registered at any school / have no school place (including special schools and alternative provision). For each of the following dates (1 July 2013, 1 July 2014, 1 July 2015, 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017**), please state the total number:

a) Home educated

07/13 = 2

07/14 = 2

07/15 = 4

07/16 = 5

07/17 = 6

b) Awaiting provision

(Information collected from January census each year)

2013 = 3

2014 = 3

2015 = 8

2016 = 47

2017 = 57

c) For all those awaiting provision, please state i) the average length of wait (mean average) and ii) the five longest lengths of wait.

We don't hold this information.

*If this data is held in school years, please provide the data for each school year specified, including 2016-17 to date.

** If data is not available for 1st July each year, please provide the information for the nearest date possible, for the same month, in each year specified.