

Response to Request for Information

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Taxi Drivers/Training

Request:

In your last financial year, how much in total was spent by your local authority on:

- Training taxi drivers and passenger assistants (or variation on wording of transport professionals) to transport children to and from school.

Training Taxi Drivers

Zero as drivers pay for training themselves to a third party provider.

Training Passenger Assistants

We train passenger assistants to travel to and from school with pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. They undertake in-house training and bespoke training provided by some schools to deal with the children they supervise. There is no additional cost for this.

We train all staff internally (our staff are trained to train others) on wheel chair retraining, passenger restraining and tail lift operation also standard induction training for new employees and update for all employees.

- Training taxi drivers and passenger assistants (or variation on wording of transport professionals) to transport children with special educational needs, additional needs and disabilities to and from school.
[See response provided above.](#)
- Employees involved in providing or co-ordinating training for transport professionals.
[Training undertaken via the council's Workforce Development Team.](#)

In your last financial year, how much in total was budgeted by your local authority on:

- Training transport professionals who transport children with Special Educational Needs
- Training offered in support of transporting children to and from school provided by you.

[In response to these two questions, please see information provided above.](#)