

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002409
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SEND Tribunals

Request:

- 1) How much did the council spend on external legal costs associated with SEND tribunals in the last three financial years for which you have statistics?

2015 – 2016 = £6,800.00
2016 – 2017 = £13,330.62
2017 – 2018 = £28,203.65

- 2a) How much did the council spend on internal costs associated with SEND tribunals in the last three financial years for which you have statistics?

In respect of question 2a), it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our spend in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

- 2b) Do these figures include the cost of Local Authority staff time?

No

- 2c) Do these figures include the cost of teacher/head teacher time?

No

- 2d) Do these figures include the cost of the time of any other professionals? If so, please detail these.

No

- 3a) In the last three financial years for which you have statistics, how many children under 18 who the LA is responsible for were out of education or training?

Financial Year	Number of Young People
2015-16	215
2016-17	282
2017-18	349

The figures contained within the table above provide the number of young people under 18 who, at some point during the financial year were recorded as being out of education or training. No specific length of time out of education or training was specified therefore the minimum length of 1 day out of education or training during each financial year was used in the calculation of these figures.

- 3b) How many of these have a statement of SEN or an EHC plan?

Financial Year	Number of Young People
2015-16	8
2016-17	25
2017-18	35

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- 4a) How many children with a statement of SEN or an EHC plan were temporarily or permanently excluded in the last three academic years for which you have statistics?

	2015/16	2016/17*	2017/18*
Number of children permanently excluded from Wolverhampton schools with an EHCP or statement	6	12	3
Number of children with fixed period exclusions from Wolverhampton schools with an EHCP or statement	143	136	108

*Just to note, the figures I have for 16/17 and 17/18 are provisional and subject to change before the DfE publish the final figures. Also, schools don't have to inform the LA of fixed term exclusions straight away so the 17/18 figure for FTE may not be complete.

- 4b) Of those who were permanently excluded, how many were then offered other school places within the borough? Please provide information for the last three academic years for which you have statistics.

2015/16	2016/17*	2017/18*
3	9	3

- 4c) How many students were offered school places in other boroughs within those years? Please provide information for the last three academic years for which you have statistics.

2015/16	2016/17*	2017/18*
3	3	0