

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002860
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SEND funding

Request:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding how much your authority spends on supporting pupils with special education needs and disability (SEND).

I would like to know:

1. The total number of SEND pupils in your authority in 2012/13 and 2017/18?
2012/2013 = 1,492
2017/2018 = 1,374
2. Your authority's total SEND budget for 2012/13 and 2017/18?
 - o 2012/2013
In respect of question 2 for the year 2012/2013, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

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".
 - o The total SEND budget for 2017/18 was £25.12 million (total High Needs Block allocation).
3. The number of special schools for SEND pupils in your area in 2012/13 and 2017/18?
7 special schools.
4. The amount of money your authority spent on sending pupils to independent special schools in 2012/13 and 2017/18?
 - o 2012/13 - £708,816.29
 - o 2017/18 - £2,185,135

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

5. The number of SEND pupils whose fees your authority paid to attend independent special schools in 2012/13 and 2017/18?
- o 2012/13 – 15 pupils
 - o 2017/18 – 54 pupils