

## **Response to Request for Information**

**Reference** FOI 021634 **Date** 5 February 2016

## Transport for Children

## Request:

a) Does the local authority provide free buses for disabled children over the age of 16. If the Local Authority does not but previously did offer the service, what year did it stop?

Only if the pupil meets the criteria of the Local Authority's Travel Policy.

b) How much the Local Authority has spent on taxis for school travel. I'd like this data for the financial years 2009/10 and 2015/2016.

In respect of question b), it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the specific category you have asked for as our system in operation does not differentiate between taxis, minibuses and internal fleet use. Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to taxis for school travel, 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".

However, below we have supplied you with the information we do hold for 2009/10 and 2015/16 which includes taxis, minibuses and internal fleet use.

2009/10 = £2,131,765 (external contractors and internal fleet)

2015/16 = £2,029,033 (Projected as the year hasn't finished yet for external contractors and internal fleet )

c) What proportion of drivers and escorts taking pupils to and from school and related services have had DBS checks.

100%