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Dear ██████

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to children with special educational needs.

You have requested the following information:

The following questions all relate to children under the age of 18 who have a learning disability and/or autism:

1. In the following financial years how many children under the age of 18 (with a learning disability and/or autism) did your local authority commission educational funding to send them to a “52 week residential placement” for schooling and/or additional support?

- a) 2015/16 10 students
- b) 2016/17 8 students
- c) 2017/18 5 students

2. In relation to Q1, please give the total financial costs to the local authority for sending the child/children to a “52 week residential placement” for schooling and/or additional support?

- a) 2015/16 £1,204,508.00 for education provision
- b) 2016/17 £779,222.87 for education provision
- c) 2017/18 £519,437.64 for education provision

3. In relation to Q1 how many of the 52 week placements are out of county/out of area and what is the furthest distance of that one child has been placed from the local area?

a) 2015/16

10 students were in out of city placements, with the furthest distance being 192 miles from Coventry City Centre

b) 2016/17

8 students were in out of city placements, with the furthest distance being 192 miles from Coventry City Centre

c) 2017/18

5 students were in out of city placements, with the furthest distance being 77 miles from Coventry City Centre

4. In the following financial years how many children under the age of 18 (with a learning disability and/or autism) did your local authority commission educational funding to send them to a "38 week residential placement" for schooling and/or additional support?

a) 2015/16 3 students

b) 2016/17 4 students

c) 2017/18 3 students

5. In relation to Q4, please give the total financial costs to the local authority for sending the child/children to a "38 week residential placement" for schooling and/or additional support?

a) 2015/16 £399,841 for education provision

b) 2016/17 £223,800 for education provision

c) 2017/18 £112,153 for education provision

6. In relation to Q4, how many of the 38 week placements are out of county/out of area and what is the furthest distance of that one child has been placed from the local area?

a) 2015/16

3 students were in out of city placements, with the furthest distance being 105 miles from Coventry City Centre

b) 2016/17

4 students were in out of city placements, with the furthest distance being 207 miles from Coventry City Centre

c) 2017/18

3 students were in out of city placements, with the furthest distance being 134 miles from Coventry City Centre

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Yours sincerely

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