



Education & Skills

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to Education, Health and Care Plans and SEND Support.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many children in the council's area were assessed for/received an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in each academic year over the last 5 years?***
- 2. How many children in the council's area with an EHCP were assigned a specialist school place each academic year over the last 5 years?***

As per Section 21 of the FOIA I can confirm that the information you have requested for questions 1 and 2 above is accessible to you by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen>

- 3. How many children in the council's area with an EHCP were turned down for a special school place each academic year over the last 5 years?***

The Council do not 'turn down' special school placements. The Council determine the name of the suitable school to be named in section I of the Education health and Care Plan in accordance with the statutory process set out in section 3 of The Children and Families Act 2014, supporting regulations and the SEND Code of Practice.

4. How many children in the council's area with an EHCP were assigned to a mainstream school in each academic year over the last 5 years?

Please see response to questions 1 and 2 above.

5. How much central Government funding (in £'s) has the local authority received specifically for SEND support each year, over the last 5 years?

The Local Authority receives an allocation of High Needs funding from the Department for Education (DFE) through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). This allocation is to support all high needs spending and does not contain any amounts which are ring-fenced to be spent on specified areas. There is not, therefore, a specific allocation from Central Government for SEND Support.

6. How much has the local authority spent on/allotted to SEND support each year, over the last 5 years?

Please see table below:

	15/16 Outturn	16/17 Outturn	17/18 Outturn	18/19 Outturn	19/20 Budget
Expenditure	4,134,446	4,091,235	4,203,525	3,894,862	4,702,119

7. How many specialist schools are in the council's area?

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8. How many specialist school places are in the council's area?

If you are able to provide figures relating to primary AND secondary children and provide these separately this would be greatly appreciated.

The Local Authority commissioned 1,052 publicly funded school placements as at 01 September 2019.

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Yours sincerely

Project Support & Operational Finance Officer

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