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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to Local Offer SEND funding.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many placements have you made at special educational needs schools in your local authority under 'Local Offer' funding between September 2014 and the date this request has been submitted?**

As per Section 21 of the FOIA I can confirm that this information is accessible to you via the following link:

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

- 2. How many requests have you received to access Local Offer funding since September 2014?**

None – 'Local Offer funding' does not exist as a funding route.

- 3. How many requests have you received to fund SEND places that have gone to tribunal since September 2014?**

The tribunal considers appeals against the whole content of EHC Plans. The Local Authority has not received any tribunal appeals solely in respect of part 1.

4. How much extra funding has been awarded to provide places or additional support for pupils with dyslexia since September 2014 and how many pupils does that equate to?

The Local Authority budget setting process does not compartmentalise provision according to diagnosis, indeed it would be illegal to do so. Provision is determined according to individual need.

5. Can you please outline your Local Authority process for handling enquiries for Local Offer funding queries, from the point of receiving a request to payment being made?

The Local Authority does not hold a 'Local Offer funding' budget. All SEND provision is paid for through the High Needs funding block and Direct Schools Grant.

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Yours sincerely

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