

## **Education & Skills**

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to Education, Health & Care Plans.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many students aged 16 and over had an EHC plan assessment in 2018?

16

What was the average wait time for that assessment?

148 days

2. How many students aged 16 and over had an EHC plan assessment in 2019?

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What was the average wait time for that assessment?

168 days

3. How many students aged 16 and over had an EHC plan assessment in 2020?

17

What was the average wait time for that assessment?

226 days

4. Currently, how many students aged 16 and over are on the waiting list for a EHC plan assessment?

Coventry City Council does not operate waiting lists for statutory processes.

5. How many of these students have been waiting past the 20 week timeline?

NIL

6. Please list the number of applications, and how many days past 20 weeks each has been waiting.

N/A – please see response to question 5.

7. How many appeal cases against EHC plan decisions for students aged 16 and over were logged in 2018?

NIL

8. How many appeal cases against EHC plan decisions for students aged 16 and over were logged in 2019?

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9. How many appeal cases against EHC plan decisions students aged 16 and over were logged in 2020?

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On 30 April, the government announced a change in law which meant that local authorities and health commissioning bodies must use their "reasonable endeavours" to secure or arrange provision.

- 10. From that date to today, how many students, aged 16 and over, have been placed in education that did not meet the provision specified on their EHC plan?
- 11. From that date to today, how many students, aged 16 and over, have had part of, or some of, their specified provision as set out in their EHC plan halted?

With regards to the information you have requested for questions 10 and all above we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We do not record this information in a summary format. In order to locate, retrieve and extract the information requested we would have to manually trawl through individual pupil records which will exceed 18 hours work.

This part of your request has therefore been refused under Section 12(2) of the Act.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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