



## Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI315299416**

Thank you for your request for information relating to DSG outturns and EHCP response times.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

**1. The council's forecast (or actual, if available – please specify) outturn on its High Needs Block budget in 2020/21, prior to transfers to and from other budgets.**

The forecast outturn for the high needs block at quarter 3 was a £450k underspend

**2. The council's forecast (or actual, if available – please specify) outturn on its Dedicated Schools Grant budget in 2020/21, prior to transfers to and from other budgets.**

The forecast outturn for the DSG at quarter 3 was a £837k underspend

**3. Please list any council proposals or policies to reduce High Needs Block costs and/or overspends. Please enclose any HNB or DSG deficit reduction plan.**

The Council do not have a HNB or DSG deficit reduction plan due to there not being a deficit in these areas. The Council is currently in the process of working on an SEND strategy to put plans in place to deal with rising HNB demand and costs in line with the anticipated DfE SEND review.

**4. How many new EHCPs has the council issued in 2020/21, excluding 'exception cases' where the 20-week deadline does not apply?**

Financial year 2020/21 April to March: Total EHCPs excluding exceptions is 338.

**5. Of the new EHCPs listed in response to question 4, how many were issued within the 20-week deadline?**

Financial year 2020/21 April to March: Total EHCPs issued within the 20-week deadline (excluding exceptions): is 214.

**6. How many new EHCPs has the council issued in 2020/21, including (but not limited to) 'exception cases'?**

Financial year 2020/21 April to March: Total EHCPs including exceptions is 385.

**7. Of the new EHCPs listed in response to question 6, how many were issued within 20 weeks?**

Financial year 2020/21 April to March: Total EHCPs issued within the 20-week deadline (including exceptions) is 232.

**8. How many applications for new EHCPs does the council currently have pending – i.e. an EHCP has not yet been issued and the application has not been rejected?**

Pending EHCP applications including "Finals" not issued: 206.

**9. Of the applications referred to in response to question 8, how many are currently over the 20-week deadline (including exception cases where 20 weeks is not a deadline)?**

Currently over the 20-week deadline: 18.

**10. Of the applications referred to in response to question 8, how many are not currently viewed as 'exception cases'?**

Pending EHCP applications (excluding exceptions): 119

**11. Of the applications referred to in response to question 9 (i.e. excluding 'exception cases'), how many are currently over the 20-week deadline?**

Currently over the 20-week deadline (excluding exceptions): 11.

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Yours faithfully