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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI372032727

Thank you for your request for information relating to SEN Tribunals.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me for the years 2014-2021 the following information:

1. Total Number of tribunals logged

We hold the information which you have asked for but 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 determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We advise that the Local Authority only holds summary data for 2015 - 2021 and part of 2015/16. In order to answer your request, a manual trawl of all records would need to be reviewed which we estimate will exceed 18 hours work. However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that for the summary data for 2015 - 2021 and part 2015/16, there has been a total of 152 tribunals lodged during this period.

2. Number of tribunals logged including a Health element

Please refer to Question 1. The manual work required to identify and collate this information from each individual tribunal bundle since 2014, will exceed 18 hours work.

3. Number of tribunals logged including a social Care element

Please refer to Question 1. The manual work required to identify and collate this information for each individual tribunal bundle since 2014, will exceed 18 hours work.

4. Number of tribunals cases resolved before the tribunal hearing

The number of tribunals resolved before a hearing was 127.

5. Number of tribunals ruling in favour of the Local Authority.

The number of tribunals ruled in favour of the Local Authority was 9.

6. Number of mediations held

The number of mediations recorded for the period from March 2015 to date is 52. The Local Authority does not hold mediation data previous to this date and therefore we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

7. Number of Education Health Care assessments requested

The number of new EHC assessments requested from 01 September 2014 to 03 November 2021 is 1,883.

8. Number of Education Health Care plans issued

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the following website, please use the following link:-

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

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

9. Number of Education Health Care plans issued within 20 weeks

See response to Question 8.

10. Number of Annual reviews completed

We hold the information which you have asked for but 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 determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We advise that to answer this question, we would need to manually review approximately 10,000 archive records which we estimate will exceed 18 hours work.

11. Number of amended plans issued following an annual review

See response to Question 10.

12. Total number of active Education Health Care Plan's in the local area

See response to Question 8.

13. Total amount spent on tribunals

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per section 1(1) of the Act. This forms a part of the overall role of a variety of staff and a separate account of time/money spent relating to tribunals is not recorded.

14. FTE commissioned within the SENDIAS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support) service

For the years 2014 – 2021 the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service have employed approximately 5.6 FTE staff.

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

Yours faithfully

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