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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI420769614

Thank you for your request for information relating to SEN direct payments.

You have requested the following information:

1a) In 2016, How many children with SENs were supported by the council providing 'direct payments' to their parents/guardians?

1b) In 2021, How many children with SENs were supported by the council providing 'direct payments' to their parents/guardians?

2a) In 2016, What was the total amount paid out by the council in 'direct payments' for children with SENs?

2b) In 2021, What was the total amount paid out by the council in 'direct payments' for children with SENs?

2a) In 2016, What was the council's full budget for SEN provision?

2b) In 2021, What was the council's full budget for SEN provision?

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.

Due to the way direct payments are processed, we would need to manually check individual children's records for the requested information and provide an accurate response. As there are a large volume of records to trawl through, this will take an officer over 18 hours to complete. We are

therefore advising you as per Section 12 of the FOIA.

However to assist, we can provide some information below which has been separated by SEND Education and social care. However, we also advise that there may be some children who may receive both elements (i.e. SEN and social care).

1a) In 2016, How many children with SENs were supported by the council providing 'direct payments' to their parents/guardians?

4 - Please note that this figure is only for SEND Education.
Social Care - see above, this will exceed 18 hours work.

1b) In 2021, How many children with SENs were supported by the council providing 'direct payments' to their parents/guardians?

12: SEND Education
73: Social Care

2a) In 2016, What was the total amount paid out by the council in 'direct payments' for children with SENs?

£16,820: SEND Education
£421,383: Social Care

2b) In 2021, What was the total amount paid out by the council in 'direct payments' for children with SENs?

£78,760: SEND Education
£360,533: Social Care

3a) In 2016, What was the council's full budget for SEN provision?

We can confirm that this information is accessible to you via the Government's website, please use the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2016-to-2017>

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

3b) In 2021, What was the council's full budget for SEN provision?

We can confirm that this information is accessible to you via the Government's website, please use the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2021-to-2022>

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

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Yours faithfully

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