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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI546865674

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

You have requested the following information:

- 1. In the last available year, the total number of Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) applications within your local authority area rejected for children diagnosed with or suffering from cancer. Please could you also provide the percentage of rejected applications compared to the total number of applications for young cancer sufferers.**
- 2. The total number of rejected EHCP applications for young cancer sufferers in the two years prior to that given above. Please disregard part 2 of this request if it exceeds the cost limit.**

For Questions 1 and 2, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Coventry City Council does not record medical needs when it is determined that a request for a statutory education health and care assessment does not meet eligibility criteria. However, the statutory framework makes clear that the primary criteria for decision making is 'severe and complex learning difficulties' that cannot be met within the resources ordinarily available to schools in the area.

For children who have a short- or long-term medical condition that affects their ability to attend school the Local Authority offers a Hospital Education Service that provides education to children on the ward who are well enough to engage, home tuition for children not in hospital but too ill to attend school or on-site learning when this is appropriate. Full details on the provision are available

at:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/hospitaleducationsservice>

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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