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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI608946730

Thank you for your request for information relating to Education, Health and Care Plan 2021 to 2023.

You have requested the following information:

Clarification for Questions 1 and 2: The percentage for example, Question 1, let's say that figure A is the number of children assessed for an EHCP each year, figure B is the number of those children for whom an ECHP was made, and I'm asking for B as a percentage of A (for each year).

1. The percentage of children and young people assessed for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) during each calendar year 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively, for whom an EHCP plan was made for the first time

2. The percentage of children and young people assessed for an EHCP during each calendar year 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively, for whom it was decided not to issue an EHCP

3. How many initial requests for an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment were made in calendar year 2021? This excludes children who already had an EHCP

4. Of the requests in question 3, how many eventually resulted in the issuance of an EHCP?

For Questions 1 to 4, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the

exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Department of Education's website, please use the following link:

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

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

5. Of the cases referred to in question 4, how many were only issued an EHCP as a result of a tribunal decision (i.e. the council's decision pre-tribunal was not to issue an EHCP)?

Nil.

6. Of the requests in question 3, how many cases have not yet had a decision made on whether or not to issue an EHCP?

Nil.

7. How many initial requests for an EHC needs assessment were made in calendar year 2022? This excludes children who already had an EHCP

8. Of the requests in question 7, how many eventually resulted in the issuance of an EHCP?

For Questions 7 and 8, please refer to Question 1.

9. Of the cases referred to in question 8, how many were only issued an EHCP as a result of a tribunal decision (i.e. the council's decision pre-tribunal was not to issue an EHCP)?

Nil.

10. Of the requests in question 7, how many cases have not yet had a decision made on whether or not to issue an EHCP?

Nil.

11. How many initial requests for an EHC needs assessment were made in calendar year 2023? This excludes children who already had an EHCP

12. Of the requests in question 11, how many eventually resulted in the issuance of an EHCP?

Clarification - I need to clarify that question 12 (and question 8 if applicable) should include cases where a decision has been made to issue an EHCP but the EHCP has not been issued yet (i.e an EHCP will be issued in due course but is still being finalised)

For Questions 11 and 12, please refer to Question 1.

13. Of the cases referred to in question 12, how many were only issued an EHCP as a result

of a tribunal decision (i.e. the council's decision pre-tribunal was not to issue an EHCP)?

One.

14. Of the requests in question 11, how many cases have not yet had a decision made on whether or not to issue an EHCP?

Six.

15. Of the requests in question 11, how many cases where the council decided not to issue an EHCP (including those where it decided not to conduct an EHC needs assessment) are currently being appealed to tribunal (including where a tribunal's decision is awaited), to the best of the council's knowledge?

Nil.

Please note that notwithstanding the possibility that some of the requested information may have been requested before or published elsewhere, this request deliberately covers each of the three calendar years from 2021 to 2023 to avoid the risk – which has been encountered before – that councils provide information for this request on a different basis to how they have provided information in response to government data returns or previous FOI requests, making comparison between the years difficult. Therefore I have not relied on government datasets or previous FOI requests for pre-2023 data, and have asked for data covering all three years to improve the chances of consistency.

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Yours faithfully

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