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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI605160717

Thank you for your request for information relating to High needs budget.

You have requested the following information:

1. What is the name of your local authority?

Coventry City Council

2. How much was spent on your high needs budget by the end of the financial year 2023/24?

Please add the value below.

We are unable to provide this information at present. We are still finalising the 2023/24 outturn position.

3. What was your original allocated high needs budget for 2023/24?

£67,127,422.

4. How much are you expecting to have spent on your high needs budget by the end of the financial year 2024/25?

£70,391,614.

5. What is your original allocated high needs budget for 2024/25?

£70,391,614.

6. Have you sought permission from the Department for Education to move more than 0.5% from the DSG to high needs in the current financial year 2024/25?

No.

7. If YES, was permission granted?

Not applicable.

8. Has the council signed up to the Safety Valve programme or any other government scheme to reduce its SEND deficit? If so, how much money has been offered to the council?

8. a) No

8. b) Name of scheme (if YES) - Not applicable

8. c) Value of scheme to the council - Not applicable

9. Has the council been part of the Delivering Better Value in SEND programme?

No.

10. Please tell us about any other ways the council is looking to reduce pressure on its high needs budget and add any further comments that would help us understand those pressures on your high needs budget.

The biggest pressures on the high needs budget are increasing demand and increasing costs, therefore the Council is investigating methods of minimising these pressures.

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