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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI648220523**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Alternative Provision.

You have requested the following information:

**Please consider Alternative Provision as per the Department for Education's definition: "education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education; education arranged by schools for pupils on a fixed period exclusion; and pupils being directed by schools to off-site provision to improve their behaviour."**

**Note: if you are unable to provide the full breakdown, please provide the breakdown that you have available for in-person and online provision.**

**1) What was the total spend by your local authority on alternative provision for the following years, split by the following in-person and online provision options:**

**2) What was the total number of students in your local authority that were provided alternative provision for the following years, split by the following in-person and online provision options:**

**3) Of your total number of students receiving alternative provision, for what number is alternative provision their main source of education?**

**4) Please provide a list of online tuition providers used by your local authority for**

**Alternative Provision, including the number of placements and total spend for each provider in FY23/24.**

**Note:** where the number of placements, please continue to provide a list of providers used for alternative provisions.

**5) Please list all of your council's funding sources for alternative provision spend in:**

**a. The current year (FY24/25 to date)**

**b. The last 3 years (FY21/22 – 23/24).**

**Note:** as an example, your funding streams may include the High Needs Block, Pupil Premium, Youth Justice funding, etc. Please list all of the funding streams that contribute to your alternative provision budget.

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 estimate that it will exceed hours because the information is not held in a reportable format. It would therefore take officers more than 18 hours to manually trawl through individual pupil records and data held by services to answer your request to the level of detail required. Your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we can provide the information below:

**2. What was the total number of students in your local authority that were provided alternative provision for the following years, split by the following in-person and online provision options:**

<b><i>Financial year</i></b>	<b><i>2019/20</i></b> (January 2020 census)	<b><i>2020/21</i></b> (January 2021 census)	<b><i>2021/22</i></b> (January 2022 census)	<b><i>2022/23</i></b> (January 2023 census)	<b><i>2023/24</i></b> (January 2024 census)	<b><i>2024/25 to date</i></b>
<b><i>Total number of students</i></b>	109	69	68	82	108	

**Please note** that the above figures are for the Local Authority operated pupil referral units as per the January census for each year.

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Yours faithfully

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