



Reference: FOI1194

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding Special Educational Needs (SEN) school placements for children with autism (ASD) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).

Where possible, please kindly include responses on the attached spreadsheet.

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children's SEN school placements.

For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information as a snapshot at the end of the year for financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19.

2. How many children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan did your local authority commission educational funding to send them to an Independent Special School?

3. Of the total number of children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools (Q2), how many have; (a) ASD (primary type of need) and (b) SEMH (primary type of need)?

4. Of the total number of children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, how many with ASD (primary type of need) (Q3) are in day, 38-week and 52-week placements?

5. Of the children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, with ASD (primary type of need) in day, 38-week and 52-week placements (Q4), how many of those placements are made out of area (i.e. outside the local authority boundary)?

6. Of the total number of children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, how many with SEMH (primary type of need) (Q3) are in day, 38-week and 52-week placements?

7. Of the children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, with SEMH (primary type of need) in day, 38-week and 52-

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week placements (Q6), how many of those placements are made out of area (i.e. outside the local authority boundary)?

8. Please give the total local authority expenditure on;

(a) placing children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan in Independent Special Schools;

(b) placing children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan, with ASD (primary type of need), in Independent Special Schools;

(c) placing children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan, with SEMH (primary type of need), in Independent Special Schools for each of the financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19.

Response:

Please refer to published information on North Tyneside Council website; Council Finances; School Funding; Section 251 Out-turn (for 14/15 to 17/18).

18/19 actuals not yet published; Line Ref 1.2.3 Top-up and other funding - Non-maintained and Independent Providers.

Independent Special Schools not recorded in their own right.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/2013-14%20School%20Funding%20Budget%20Statement.pdf>

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