

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, which all relates to education, health and care plans in your local authority area. Please can I receive this in an excel spreadsheet.

1. The number of appeals against education, health and care plans (EHCPs) registered against your local authority since 2015. Please can this be broken down by academic year.
2. Please can I get a breakdown of the appeals by type (for example, refusal to secure an EHC assessment, refusal to make an EHC plan etc), the nature of educational need and the ages of the children, all broken down by academic year and on separate tabs in the spreadsheet.
3. Of those appeals registered, how many proceeded to a tribunal hearing per year?

For questions 1-3, please see attached spreadsheet

4. Of those that went to a tribunal hearing, what were the outcomes? How many saw the decision upheld by the tribunal and how many saw the decision in favour of the appellant? Can this please be broken down by year.

This information is not held separately, it is in each individual case file. therefore, to collate this information would take over the 18hour limit

5. How many of these appeals are still outstanding? Please list these by the year that they were first registered in.

Please see attached spreadsheet

6. How much has the local authority spent on defending themselves in the tribunal cases since 2015, broken down by year?

The Local Authority (LA) has not funded any external legal costs. The LA does not have a separate budget allocation for this work as Tribunal work is a part of staff core responsibilities.