



Reference: FOI-683

Request:

Please send me all available details relating to the following questions in regards to children's social services at your local authorities OR all local authorities relevant to your organisation:

1. How much has your local authority spent appealing special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) tribunals over the last five years (2017 – 2022)? Please give your answer on a year-on-year basis.
2. How many SEND tribunals has your local authority appealed over the last five years (2017 – 2022)? Please give your answer on a year-on-year basis.
3. What percentage of appeals against SEND tribunal decisions lodged by the council were successful for each of the past five years? Please give your answer on a year-on-year basis.

Response:

1. Information not held. The Local Authority does not have a separate budget allocation for this work, as Tribunal work is a part of staff core responsibilities, therefore we can't disaggregate the costs of preparing for tribunals from more general costs.
2. The council has chosen not to appeal any tribunal decisions in the last five years.
3. N/A, see question 2.