



Reference: FOI0047

Request:

1. How much did the council spend on external legal costs associated with SEND tribunals in the last three financial years for which you have statistics?

The Local Authority (LA) has not funded any external legal costs in the last 3 years

2. How much did the council spend on internal costs associated with SEND tribunals in the last three financial years for which you have statistics?

The LA does not have a separate budget allocation for this work as Tribunal work is a part of staff core responsibilities

3. Do these figures include the cost of Local Authority staff time?

See above

4. Do these figures include the cost of teacher/head teacher time?

See above

5. Do these figures include the cost of the time of any other professionals? If so, please detail these.

See above

6. In the last three financial years for which you have statistics, how many children under 18 who the LA is responsible for were out of education or training?

2015-2016 - 252

2016-2017 - 273

2017-2018 - 268

7. How many of these have a statement of SEN or an EHC plan?

Data is not held in a format that would allow this to be calculated. it would require a manual check of 793 records.

Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

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In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time

8. How many children with a statement of SEN or an EHC plan were temporarily or permanently excluded in the last three academic years for which you have statistics?

2014-2015 - 15

2015-2016 - 49

2016-2017 - 62

9. Of those who were permanently excluded, how many were then offered other school places within the borough? Please provide information for the last three academic years for which you have statistics.

All

10. How many students were offered school places in other boroughs within those years? Please provide information for the last three academic years for which you have statistics.

For the cohort given above, NONE