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North Tyneside Council

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am seeking the following information about the cost of transporting pupils with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND) to and from their schools please:

- Names of taxi companies used (If it is not possible to provide names of taxi companies, please list them as Company A, Company B, etc.)

The approved list of contractors attached.

- Number of journeys made by each taxi company

Each taxi company does 10 x journeys per week taking children to special schools and ARPS, and 8 journeys per week taking students with learning difficulties to college.

- Taxi companies' rates per mile

This information is not held. Each taxi company has their own running rate, this must include all costs including the wage for the passenger assistant

- Average journey time per pupil

This information is not held. Pupils can not travel longer than 45 minutes on any journey

- Average journey cost per pupil

Based on June 2018 the average cost per journey is £10.52

- Average number of pupils per vehicle

Number of pupils per vehicle depends on the nature of the special educational needs, usually no more than 8. At Southlands School there could be up to 20 pupils per vehicle.

- Total amount paid to each taxi company over the year

See attached summary in school years

- Total amount spent on taxi fares for SEND pupils across the year

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Additional to paying Taxi Companies directly the Authority reimburse parents for the costs of ad-hoc transport requirements but it is not possible to quantify by school year in this timescale

I would like this information for each of the school years 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 please. Total spent for Taxis on SEND pupils was as follows

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