



Reference: FOI0250

**Request:**

For each of the academic years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and as much of 2018/19 as you have data for:

How many times was the council challenged at the SEND tribunal for refusing to assess a child's special educational needs?

Of those, how many were:

conceded by the LA ahead of the tribunal hearing

withdrawn by the parent/carer/young person

upheld by the SEND tribunal

not upheld by the SEND tribunal

What was the cost to the council of defending all of these appeals, both successful and unsuccessful?\*

How many times was the council challenged at the SEND tribunal for refusing to issue a SSEN or an EHCP?

Of those, how many were:  conceded by the LA ahead of the tribunal hearing

withdrawn by the parent/carer/young person  upheld by the SEND tribunal  not upheld by the SEND tribunal

What was the cost to the council of defending all of these appeals, both successful and unsuccessful?\*

• How many finalised EHCPs or SSENs resulted in an application to the SEND tribunal to challenge any part of the EHCP/SSEN?

Of those, how many were:  conceded by the LA ahead of the tribunal hearing

withdrawn by the parent/carer/young person  upheld by the SEND tribunal  not upheld by the SEND tribunal

What was the cost to the council of defending all of these appeals, both successful and unsuccessful?\*

• How much compensation or legal costs were paid to parents in the above cases?

\*when calculating 'cost to the council', please include in-house legal costs, representation and barristers, expert witnesses including the cost of attending tribunal, professional reports, tribunal preparation costs, admin etc

**Response:**

How many times was the council challenged at the SEND tribunal for refusing to assess a child's special educational needs?

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2014/15, 2

2015/16, 1

2016/17, 2

2017/18, 1

2018/19, -

Of those, how many were:

Conceded by the LA ahead of the tribunal hearing

2014/15, 1

2015/16, 1

2016/17, 2

2017/18, 1

2018/19, -

What was the cost to the council of defending all of these appeals, both successful and unsuccessful?\*

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

How many times was the council challenged at the SEND tribunal for refusing to issue a SSEN or an EHCP?

2014/15, 0

2015/16, 1

2016/17, 0

2017/18, 1

2018/19, 0

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Of those, how many were:

conceded by the LA ahead of the tribunal hearing

2014/15, -

2015/16, 1

2016/17, -

2017/18, 1

2018/19, -

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2014/15, 1

2015/16, 1

2016/17, 2

2017/18, 13

2018/19, -

Of those, how many were:

conceded by the LA ahead of the tribunal hearing

2014/15, -

2015/16, -

2016/17, 1

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2017/18, 4

2018/19, -

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2014/15, none

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2016/17, none

2017/18, none

2018/19 -

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