



Reference: FOI0851

**Request:**

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Please state any changes to the eligibility criteria or service offer under the council's home to school transport policy (as per section 50B of the Education Act 1996) that have been enacted since April 2010. Non-substantive, purely technical alterations can be left out. Please state the month that each took effect, and provide any impact assessment that was carried out.

There have been no changes to the eligibility criteria or service offer under the council's home to school transport policy (as per section 50B of the Education Act 1996) that have been enacted since April 2010.

2. For each of the following academic years - 2010/11, 2014/15, 2017/18, 2018/19 - please state the number of children aged 5-16 who received free home to school transport from (or funded by) the council (as per section 50B of the Education Act 1996).

2010/11 = 611  
2014/15 = 788  
2017/18 = 720  
2018/19 = 708

3. For each of the following academic years - 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 = please state the number of children of compulsory school age with SEND statements or ECHPs who were being educated outside the local authority area

2016/17 = 67  
2017/18 = 54  
2018/19 = 58

4. Please list the 'out of area' local authorities where children from your local authority with SEND statements or ECHPs are currently in compulsory education, together with the number of children being educated in each local authority (where the number is three or fewer, please list the local authority even if the number is not provided)

based on the 2018/19 data

Newcastle 28  
Northumberland 20  
Gateshead  
South Tyneside  
Sunderland  
Durham

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West Berkshire

5. Does the council identifiably record the cost of external legal advice and representation for first tier and upper tier SEND tribunal cases (i.e. SENDIST)?

If the response to question 5 is 'no' please ignore question 6.

No, this is part of normal staff roles and not identifiable separately.

6. How much did the council spend on external legal advice and representation on first tier and upper tier SEND tribunal cases each financial year for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 (year to date)? If possible, please split the expenditure between cases won by the council and cases lost by the council. There is no need to split the figures between first tier and upper tier expenditure.

N/A

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