

**Request:**

1. What has been the total cost of SEN education support that has been funded by the High Needs Block (for the financial years 2015-2019 inclusive)? Please enter the following into your web browser: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/455/council-finances> The Council's S251 Outturn Statements are available by financial year. They include expenditure itemised both by school phase/type and High Needs category
2. What has been the total amount of additional funding transferred in to support the High Needs Block (for the financial years 2015-2019)? 2015-16 £0.604m 2016-17 £1.788m 2017-18 £0.327m 2018-19 £0.000m 2019-20 £0.302m 2020-21 £0.000m
3. How many SEN officers/caseworkers are currently employed in your SEN team? Please also provide the average [mean] staffing numbers for the financial years (1st April - 31st March) 2014-2015, and 2017-2019 inclusive.
  - 2014-2015 = 8
  - 2017-2018 = 8
  - 2018-2019 = 8
  - current = 12
4. What was the mean number of cases annually assigned to each SEN caseworker for the years above?
  - 2014-2015 = 129
  - 2017-2018 = 142
  - 2018-2019 = 156
  - current = 177