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Request:

I would like to request the following information regarding care and education for children with special educational needs (SEN).

Where possible, please kindly include responses on the attached Excel spreadsheet.

We are aware of data published by the Department for Education. However, the 'Statements of SEN and EHC plans: England' data set (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen>), doesn't provide any granular breakdown by primary type of SEN need. We are also aware of the 'Special education needs in England' data set (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen>), which includes the number of pupils with SEN by primary type of need, however, this data set excludes independent special schools, meaning that it cannot be directly correlated with the 'Statements of SEN and EHC plans: England' data set

As a result, we would like to request the following breakdown of data:

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children's SEN placements.

*For questions 2 through 8, please supply the following information for the **financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23**, and where possible, budgeted or projected figures available for **2023/24**.*

*Please note that 'all 'Special School' categories' includes state-funded nursery, primary, and secondary special schools, non-maintained special schools, pupil referral units, **and independent special schools***

*Please note the category of 'Learning Disability' includes those with **MLD, SLD, and PMLD**.*

2. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a;
 - a. Learning disability
 - b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
 - c. SEMH
3. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning disability of;
 - a. Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)
 - b. Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)

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- c. Profound Multiple Learning Disability (PMLD)
4. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in **all 'Special school' categories** with
 - a. Learning disability
 - b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
 - c. SEMH
5. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a **'Special school: independent special school'** only with a;
 - a. Learning disability
 - b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
 - c. SEMH
6. Please provide the Local Authority's total expenditure on SEN placements in **'Special school: independent special schools'**
7. Of the total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending **all 'Special School' categories**, please provide the number that are placed **out of area** (i.e. outside the LA boundary) with a;
 - a. Learning disability
 - b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
 - c. SEMH
8. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a **'Special school: independent special school'** that are in day placements (no boarding component) and 38/52-week placements;
 - a. Day placements
 - b. 38/52-week placements

Response:

1. Kirsty Williams, Commissioning Manager, Tel: 0191 643 1606, Email: kirsty.williams@northtyneside.gov.uk

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2. This information for 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.

To obtain the information it would require manually checking approximately 2000 EHCPs in order to extract the relevant data. As each plan is between 20-50 pages, this would take us over the time allowed by the Act.

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

3. Please see the response to question 2.
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6. This information is refused in answer to this request under the FOI Act 2000, section 21, as the information is accessible by other means.
The requested information is published information on the North Tyneside Council Website. Please follow the link provided below. Under school funding is all the published S251 budget and outturn statements. The relevant line for the information requested us 1.2.3.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/page/7403/council-finances>

7. Please see the response to question 2.
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