



Reference: FOI1034

Request:

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

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For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial years 2015/16 to 2017/18, and where possible, the most up to date snapshot available for 2018/19.

2. Please provide the total number of children funded by the local authority with special educational needs (with an EHC plan or statement of SEN/SEND).

31/3/2016 = 1057
31/3/2017= 1092
31/3/2018= 1133
31/3/2019= 124

3. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are in day placements; in 52 week placements; in 38 week placements.

This information is not held as requested. To provide this would require searching through each of the records detailed in Q2.

Therefore, **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.

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.

4. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are looked after children.

31/3/2016 = 37
31/3/2017= 33
31/3/2018= 36
31/3/2019= 36

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5. Of the total number children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number with a special educational need with Autism (ASD); with a Learning Disability: Multiple/Profound; with a Learning Disability: Specific/Moderate; with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (sometimes abbreviated BESD or EBD).

Need as recorded on EHCP.

31/3/2016: ASD=153 , PMLD=too small to report , SPLD/MLD=195 , SEMH/BESD=169
31/3/2017: ASD=174, PMLD=too small to report , SPLD/MLD=182 , SEMH/BESD=165
31/3/2018: ASD=181 , PMLD=too small to report , SPLD/MLD=177 , SEMH/BESD=168
31/3/2019: ASD=221 , PMLD=too small to report , SPLD/MLD=195 , SEMH/BESD=208

6. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are in Independent Special Schools.

This includes only those designated on Edubase as "other independent special schools", where a school is recorded 31/3/2016 =12 , 31/3/2017=10 , 31/3/2018=12 , 31/3/2019=11

7. Of the total number of children with SEN (q.2) please provide the number that are in out-of-area placements.

based on those with a school recorded and that school is outside of North Tyneside
31/3/2016 =61 , 31/3/2017=83 , 31/3/2018=98 , 31/3/2019=123

8. Please provide the Local Authority's total expenditure on SEN placements in Independent Special Schools for each of the financial years 2015/16 to 2017/18, and where possible, budgeted expenditure for 2018/19. If expenditure for 2017/18 is not yet available, please provide projected expenditure.

Please refer to published information on North Tyneside Council website; Council Finances; School Funding; Section 251 Out-turn (for 15/16 to 17/18) and Section 251 Budget (for 18/19); Line Ref 1.2.3 Top-up and other funding - Non-maintained and Independent Providers. Independent Special Schools not recorded in their own right.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/455/council-finances>

Therefore this information is exempt from disclosure in response to this request under section 21, information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

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