

Dear FOI Officer,

Further to the FOI request I sent at 1301 today, please process the slightly amendment request below. Sorry for any inconvenience.

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. This question relates to SEND Tribunals brought against your local authority. For each financial year (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17*) please state:
 - a) The total number of registered appeals
 - b) Of those (a), the total number of appeals conceded by your local authority before reaching a hearing
 - c) The total number of appeals that reached a hearing (in person or in papers)
 - d) Of those (c), the total number of SEND tribunals (including First Tier and Upper Tribunals) found in favour of your local authority
 - e) Total legal costs to your local authority to contest appeals brought at SEND tribunals (including First Tier and Upper Tribunals)

2. This question relates to children aged 5-16 with a Statement of SEN/EHC Plan living within your local authority area who are not registered at any school / have no school place (including special schools and alternative provision). For each of the following dates (1 July 2013, 1 July 2014, 1 July 2015, 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017**), please state the total number:
 - a) Home educated
 - b) Awaiting provision
 - c) For all those awaiting provision, please state i) the average length of wait (mean average) and ii) the five longest lengths of wait.

*If this data is held in school years, please provide the data for each school year specified, including 2016-17 to date.

** If data is not available for 1st July each year, please provide the information for the nearest date possible, for the same month, in each year specified.

Please provide this data in an excel spreadsheet and send by e-mail

Further to your Freedom of Information Request, please find attached a spreadsheet, completed where possible.

This has been adapted in line with how the data is stored for instance tribunals registered are reported by academic year by MoJ and the spreadsheet has been used to pull the rest of the data request together by academic year.

We are not aware of the financial cost for the tribunal (part 1 e). However we have provided all available information from April 2014. There may be a case of where an appeal was registered before April 2014 and went to hearing after September 2014, this has been excluded from the figures.

The children without a placement (part 2) has again been adapted so it is line with the SEN2 which is reported on the January school census date. We do not hold any definitive data for this part and cannot provide part c) of the request.

If you have any queries or concerns about this response then please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (See link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email

complaints@nottscc.gov.uk.

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Kindest Regards