

NCC-028192 – sen Tribunals – Cost of Legal Fees

Dear Nottinghamshire County Council,

I would like you to advise me how many parents of children with sen applied for tribunal between 01/01/2014 and the current date.

I would like to know of those parents who applied how many actually went to tribunal and whether it ruled in favour of the LA or the parents.

Of those parents who were able to reach agreement before tribunal, I would like to know how close to the date of tribunal this happened. Was it 24 hours, 72 hours, a week a month for example.

Finally I would like to know how much money the LA spent in legal fees challenging parents from 01/01/2014 to the current date.

Yours faithfully,

Further to your recent FOIR,

I have attached all data held by Nottingham County Council. I am afraid we are not able to provide all data as it would be too onerous to provide further detail, as we would need to review each case individually, and so would exceed the allowed threshold under sec.12 of the act.

I hope this satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to the 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.

This may be of interest to you also:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/125382/send-tribunals-ncc-026477-17.pdf>

For info, the Ministry of Justice publish data on an annual basis and the next publication is due any time for 2016/17 academic year but it only states how many were lodged by local authority and not the outcomes by local authority only nationally.

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@nottsccl.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Kindest Regards