

**Request for Information: Ref NCC-031811-18
Transporting Children to School**

Thank you for your request for information relating to children's transport to schools. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

Please note we have tried to be as accurate as possible, however, we don't hold the data in a format that fully answers your questions.

What was the total cost to your council in the 2016/17 academic year of transporting children registered as living in your council's area by taxi to schools outside your council area and the numbers of children being transported?

SEND Contracts 2016/2017 – Out of County includes those travelling into Nottingham City

- o Cost - £1,906,407.98
- o Pupils - 240 pupils

Mainstream Contracts 2016/2017 – Out of County

- o Cost - £54,340 (4 contracts)
- o Pupils - 10 pupils

Of these, without revealing any names or personal data, can you tell me furthest five distances travelled by taxi by these pupils and the transport costs to the council in 2016/17 of each?

SEND Contracts 2016/2017 – Out of County

- o Newark (NG24) to St Johns School for the Deaf (LS23 6DF) 72.5 miles, £6,799.20 per annum (weekly boarder)
- o Bingham (NG13) to Doncaster School for the Deaf (DN2 6AY) 52 miles, £6,524.60 per annum (weekly boarder)
- o Eastwood (NG16) to Robert Ogden School (S63 0BG) 48 miles £14,016 per annum (weekly boarder)
- o Eastwood (NG16) to Holly House School 45 miles £26,330.88 per annum (4 days per week)
- o Newark (NG24) to Penine View School (DN12 3LR) 45 miles £27,550 per annum (5 days per week)

Mainstream Contracts 2016/2017 – Out of County – only 4 contracts

- 7.5 miles x 2 £52 per day
- 10 miles x 2 £33 per day
- 9 miles x 2 £90 per day
- 3 miles x 2 £111 per day (high cost for distance because of location and dead mileage for operator)

Can you break the overall figures (both numbers of children and cost) down into two groups - children with special needs and deaf children - providing also the distances travelled by the five children in each group that travelled the furthest by taxi and the cost to the council of each? Unfortunately, we do not hold this data in a form that we can extract in order to answer this questions.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

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

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Yours sincerely

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