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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI393720099**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Special Education Needs (SEND) tribunals and costs.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of appeals made by parents, guardians, or other authorities, against the council's decision on a child's EHCP, from January 2018 - January 2022.**
- 2. Please provide a monthly budget breakdown of all money spent on SEND tribunals, from January 2018 - January 2022. Please include any relevant or associated costs, for example solicitor costs, in-house solicitor time, associated costs such as SEND team costs including days spent, social care costs including days spent, health costs including days spent, total cost for SEND mediation services, and any additional costs associated with SEND tribunal such as printing and admin time.**

**If possible, please break down the monthly costs as above or however best suits, but if a substantive response is not possible within the time frame, please just provide total/overall costs over this time period rather than breaking it down, to preclude the need of making a new request. If that is still not possible, please prioritize spending on barristers and solicitors, but keep the information consistent across the given time period.**

**Furthermore, if part of the information in the scope of this request catches one or more exceptions please remember to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure, as stipulated**

**by regulation 12(2).**

Please see the attached document.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

1. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of appeals made by parents, guardians, or other authorities, against the council’s decision on a child’s EHCP, from January 2018 - January 2022

**Registered appeals at tribunal**

Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
0	3	5	5	1	2	2	4	1	2	0	3
Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
2	0	3	1	0	5	2	9	6	2	2	2
Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
3	3	5	3	0	4	2	3	2	3	2	1
Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
1	0	8	5	4	2	2	5	2	0	1	2
Jan-22											
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Please note that the figures for January 2022 are as at 27 January 2022.

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We do not hold this information and are advising you as per section 1(1) of the Act. This forms a part of the overall role of a variety of staff and a separate account of time/money spent relating to tribunals is not recorded or cannot be separated.