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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI432650104

Thank you for your request for information relating to EHC Plan requests.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many children applied for an EHC plan from Coventry Council between:

April 1st 2021 and April 1st 2022

April 1st 2020 and April 1st 2021

April 1st 2019 and April 1st 2020

April 1st 2018 and April 1st 2019

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Government's website, please use the following link:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

2. How many EHC plans were given out between:

April 1st 2021 and April 1st 2022

April 1st 2020 and April 1st 2021

April 1st 2019 and April 1st 2020

April 1st 2018 and April 1st 2019

See response to Question 1 above.

3. What is the average time taken for a child to get an EHC plan. I would like a breakdown of the average time taken in the years below:

April 1st 2021 and April 1st 2022

April 1st 2020 and April 1st 2021

April 1st 2019 and April 1st 2020

April 1st 2018 and April 1st 2019

See response to Question 1 above.

4. What is the longest length of time a child has waited for an EHCP under Coventry Council. I would like a breakdown of the longest wait in the years below:

April 1st 2021 and April 1st 2022

April 1st 2020 and April 1st 2021

April 1st 2019 and April 1st 2020

April 1st 2018 and April 1st 2019

I would like a breakdown of the number of children who waited this long for an EHC plans for each year above.

We hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not held in an existing summary format. In order to answer this question, an officer would need to manually trawl through individual children's records to identify and collate the information. Due to the number of records to check, this will exceed 18 hours work. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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