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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI706016433

Thank you for your request for information relating to SEND tribunal costs.

You have requested the following information:

“SEND tribunal” refers to the Special Educational Needs and Disability First Tier Tribunal. This is an independent national tribunal which decides appeals against local authority decisions about the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of children and young people.

If for data protection reasons the figures cannot be broken down by year, please collate the figures over the three-year period. If calendar year figures are unavailable please provide figures for financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 and state that these time periods are being used.

1. How much money did the council spend on SEND tribunal appeals during each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024. Depending on what information the council records, this should preferably include tribunal appeals that did not ultimately reach a formal tribunal hearing

Re “spend” in question 1, I am looking for the total costs associated with processing and defending SEND appeals and tribunal hearings, including legal costs such as instructing external solicitors, commissioning expert witnesses etc.

In response to Question 1, we confirm we do not hold this information and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information forms a part of the overall role of a variety of staff, and a separate account of time spent relating to tribunals is not recorded on our system.

2. How many appeals were registered with the SEND tribunal in each of the following calendar years in relation to decisions made by the council: 2022, 2023, 2024?

3. How many appeals registered with the SEND tribunal did the council concede prior to a formal tribunal hearing taking place in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023 and 2024?

4. How many times did the SEND tribunal rule in favour of the council in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024?

5. How many times did the SEND tribunal rule against the council in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024?

In response to Questions 2 to 5, we refer you to the attached document.

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Yours faithfully

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<i>Question 2</i>			<i>Question 3</i>			<i>Question 4</i>			<i>Question 5</i>		
2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
62	86	122	39	52	76	0	5	0	4	4	7