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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI710859796**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Spending on SEND.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide, for each financial year from 2014-15 to 2024-25 inclusive, broken down by year, the gross expenditure that your council has spent on:

**1. SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), defined as services and support for children and young people up to the age of 25 with special educational needs or disabilities. This includes Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans, specialist educational provision, SEND transport, and any other direct support provided by the council.**

**2. Please provide, for the respective years, the gross expenditure on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) broken down by category, including but not limited to:**

- **Specialist Educational Placements- Funding for places at special schools, including independent or out-of-county schools.**
- **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan Support- Support costs linked directly to EHC plans (e.g., specialist teaching assistants).**
- **SEND Transport- Transport for children and young people with SEND to schools or colleges.**
- **Additional Support in Mainstream Settings- Funding to help mainstream schools support pupils with additional needs (e.g., SENCOs, specialist teaching).**
- **Specialist Support Services- Therapists (e.g., speech and language therapy, occupational therapy), specialist teachers, or educational psychologists.**

- **Short Breaks/Respite Care-** Services for families of children with SEND to give carers a break.
- **Transition Services-** Support for young people with SEND moving into adulthood (often overlaps with adult social care).
- **Early Years SEND Support-** Targeted support for children with SEND in nurseries or early years settings.
- **Other Advisory or Inclusion Services-** Local teams providing advice to schools on inclusion strategies.

**3. The total amount in the respective years received from central government to fulfil these obligations.**

In response to Questions 1 to 3, we confirm we do not hold this information, and we are informing 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 spent and expenditure incurred relating to the above categories is not recorded on our system.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation to advise and assist you, we have provided the link to the Section 251 returns on the Council website, which shows some of our expenditures requested above. Please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/finance/section-251-tables>

Please note the returns provided on the link above only dates back to 2019/20. Further guidance on what is included in each line can be found on the below link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/section 251 2024 to 2025/section 251 budget guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/section-251-2024-to-2025/section-251-budget-guidance)

**4. Total council expenditure from 2014-15 to 2024-25 inclusive, broken down by year.**

With regards to our total expenditure from 2014/15 to 2023/24, we confirm this information falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/budgets spending/statement accounts](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/budgets_spending/statement_accounts)

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

With regards to our total expenditure for 2024/25, we confirm this information is being withheld as it falls under the exemption(s) in Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to Information Intended for Future Publication.

The information will be published on the link above when the figures have been finalised.

**5. If your council has undergone a merger, restructuring, or reorganisation during this period, please provide the relevant data for any previous council(s) that now form part of**

**your authority.**

Not applicable.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) 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](mailto: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](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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