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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI733052313**

Thank you for your request for information relating to EHC plans and Emotional Based School Avoidance.

You have requested the following information:

1. For each of the academic years 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25, the total number of EHC plans held by your authority.

In response to Question 1, we confirm the information you requested 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 Government website, please use the following link:

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

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

2. In each of the academic years 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25 the number of EHC plans held by your council at some point in that year which mention Emotional Based School Avoidance or EBSA”.

In response to Question 2, we confirm 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.

We estimate that in order to obtain the information you have requested, it would require a manual trawl and analysis of all individual pupil records held over the past seven years. This would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

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

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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