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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI753975966**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Sen transport and Motability Scheme.

You have requested the following information:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the disclosure of the following information held by the Council relating to statutory Home-to-School and Post-16 Transport provision.

Please provide the following data for the last three complete academic years (e.g., 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25, or the last three years for which data is available):

Part 1: Students Assessed for Transport Eligibility

For all children and young people who were assessed for eligibility for Local Authority-funded home-to-school, college or education transport on the grounds of Special Educational Needs, Disability, or Mobility Problems (under the relevant sections of the Education Act 1996):

1. The total number of such assessments/applications received.

2022/2023: 1,353
2023/2024: 1,409
2024/2025: 1,416

2. The total number of these students who were subsequently deemed eligible for transport

assistance.

2022/2023: 1,164

2023/2024: 1,244

2024/2025: 1,297

Part 2: Motability Scheme and Transport Provision

For the students deemed eligible for transport assistance (as per Question 2 above), please provide the following breakdown of the Council's records:

3. The total number of eligible students whose transport was ultimately provided by the Local Authority via dedicated contracted vehicle (e.g., shared taxi, private hire car, or contracted minibus).

Clarification: Regarding Question 3, this relates to Minibuses/taxis provided by taxi operator/private hire, not local authority-held transport

2022/2023: 278

2023/2024: 223

2024/2025: 249

4. Of the students receiving dedicated contracted transport (as defined in Question 1 above), the number whose family or appointee declared the use of a Motability Scheme vehicle as part of the transport application/assessment process.

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold this information. To assist, legally, we are not allowed to refuse transport if a family have a mobility vehicle therefore, this is not information we need or record.

5. If possible, provide the cost of the student's dedicated contracted transport whose family or appointee declared the use of a Motability Scheme vehicle

Not applicable - please see response to question 4 above.

Part 3: Policy Information

6. Do you require families or appointees to declare whether or not they have a Motability Scheme vehicle when applying/assessing for transport-to-school or education

Please see response to question 4 above.

7. Please provide a copy of the section of your most recent Home-to-School/College Transport Policy or associated guidance that specifically addresses the existence or use of a Motability Scheme vehicle by a family when determining their eligibility for transport-to-school or education and the type of support they can receive (mileage, contracted transport etc.)

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 Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/3811/travel_assistance_policies

Please see the Post 19 travel policy (word document) which states: 6. If consideration has been given to the use of an available 'Motability' vehicle and if there is a family member /carer who is willing to transport the student.

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Yours faithfully

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