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### Request and Response

**1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children's SEN school placements.**

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***For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following information as a snapshot at the end of the year for financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19***

Please note that for questions 2-8 the figures are taken from the end of each financial year however the financial figures include costings for placements that ended part way through the financial year. Answers to 8B and 8C are inclusive of the 16-18 financial element of Post 16 provision.

**2. How many children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan did your local authority commission educational funding to send them to an Independent Special School?**

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
45	74	93	75	102

**3. Of the total number of children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools (Q2), how many have; (a) ASD (primary type of need) and (b) SEMH (primary type of need)?**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
ASD	19	27	24	23	27
SEMH	19	34	57	42	58

**4. Of the total number of children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, how many with ASD (primary type of need) (Q3) are in day, 38-week and 52-week placements?**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Day	13	25	23	21	21
38 Week Residential	4	2	0	1	5
52 Week Residential	2	0	1	1	1

**5. Of the children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, with ASD (primary type of need) in day, 38-week and 52-week placements (Q4), how many of those placements are made out of area (i.e. outside the local authority boundary)?**

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
12	7	9	4	13

**6. Of the total number of children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, how many with SEMH (primary type of need) (Q3) are in day, 38-week and 52-week placements?**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Day	9	27	49	38	53
38 Week Residential	4	3	2	1	2
52 Week Residential	6	4	6	3	3

**7. Of the children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan funded in Independent Special Schools, with SEMH (primary type of need) in day, 38-week and 52-week placements (Q6), how many of those placements are made out of area (i.e. outside the local authority boundary)?**

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
9	6	11	6	9

**8. Please give the total local authority expenditure on; (a) placing children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan in Independent Special Schools; (b) placing children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan, with ASD (primary type of need), in Independent Special Schools; (c) placing children (under the age of 18) with a statement or EHC Plan, with SEMH (primary type of need), in Independent Special Schools for each of the financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19.**

a) The financial information below relates to the Council's expenditure on independent specialist placements providing education. The Council records budget and expenditure in terms of pre-16 and post-16 placements; the total expenditure for each has been provided below:

	<b>Pre-16</b>	<b>Post-16</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	3,057,806	1,884,780
<b>2015/16</b>	4,486,512	2,206,489
<b>2016/17</b>	5,601,958	1,754,593
<b>2017/18</b>	5,341,800	1,652,254
<b>2018/19</b>	5,666,701	2,151,795

b) Please see the attached Excel Spreadsheet.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£ 1,154,976	£ 1,685,272	£ 1,162,169	£ 1,242,877	£ 1,733,524

c) Please see the attached Excel Spreadsheet.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£ 1,142,396	£ 1,628,950	£ 1,790,699	£ 2,842,416	£ 3,433,229

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