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Response provided under: Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request and response:

- 1. What has been the total cost of SEN education support that has been funded by the High Needs Block (*for the financial years 2015-2019 inclusive*)?**

	Total HNB expenditure £m
2015/16	31.524
2016/17	32.275
2017/18	39.049
2018/19	41.730

- 2. What has been the total amount of additional funding transferred in to support the High Needs Block (*for the financial years 2015-2019*)?**

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that where the information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means, the right to request the information from a public authority under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply. (Note: Under EIR there is no direct equivalent regulation).

Therefore, the information you requested is available at the following links:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/39427443/budget-for-high-needs-and-special-educational-needs-pt-1.pdf>

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/39427447/budget-for-high-needs-and-special-educational-needs-pt-2.pdf>

- 3. How many SEN officers/caseworkers are currently employed in your SEN team? Please also provide the average [mean] staffing numbers for the financial years (1st April - 31st March) 2014-2015, and 2017-2019 inclusive.**

For 2014-15 there were 3 casework officers in a different structure prior to the developments following the 2014 legislation.

Following a restructure from September 2017 there were 9 casework officers

From September 2019 there has been 15 casework officers.

Roles and responsibilities have changed over time so the number of staff are not directly comparable.

- 4. What was the mean number of cases annually assigned to each SEN caseworker for the years above?**

Caseload (learners with an EHC Plan) on average is 197.2

Information provided by: Together for Families

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