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**From:** FOI Responses  
**Sent:** 19 June 2024 11:58  
**To:** specialeducationalneedsfoi@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Response

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 22 May 2024, for information about regarding care and education for children with special educational needs (SEN).

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request:**

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

**Response:**

Name: Jane Cresswell, Head of Service – Equity & Inclusion.

Email: [Jane.Cresswell@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Cresswell@doncaster.gov.uk)

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**Request:**

2. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a;  
a. Learning difficulty (including MLD, SLD, PMLD, SpLD)  
b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder  
c. SEMH

**Response:**

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a Learning difficulty (including MLD, SLD, PMLD, SpLD) is 431.

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with Autistic Spectrum Disorder is 946.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with SEMH is 520.

**Request:**

3. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning difficulty that is;  
a. Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)  
b. Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)  
c. Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD)  
d. Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD)

**Response:**

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning difficulty that is MLD is 207.

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning difficulty that is SLD is 121.

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning difficulty that is PMLD is 36.

The total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning difficulty that is SpLD is 67.

**Request:**

4. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in **all 'Special school' categories** with a;

- a. Learning difficulty
- b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- c. SEMH

**Response:**

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in all 'Special school' categories with a Learning difficulty is 256.

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in all 'Special school' categories with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder is 439.

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in all 'Special school' categories with SEMH is 160.

**Request:**

5. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a **'Special school: independent special school'** only with a;

- a. Learning difficulty
- b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- c. SEMH

**Response:**

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' only with a Learning difficulty is 15.

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' only with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder is 58.

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' only with a SEMH is 87.

**Request:**

6. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on SEN placements in **'Special school: independent special schools'**

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Councils total expenditure on SEN placements in 'Special school: independent special schools' is as follows:

2020/21	5,308,687
2021/22	7,117,070
2022/23	10,021,639

2023/24 12,343,676

2024/25 City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information as we do not currently have a projection for this financial year.

**Request:**

7. Please provide the local authority's total net expenditure on SEN placements in '**Special school: independent special schools**' with a;

- a. Learning difficulty
- b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- c. SEMH

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information. The records we hold do not include information on the need types listed to enable us to break the totals down.

**Request:**

8. Of the total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all '**Special School**' categories, please provide the number that are placed **out of area** (i.e. outside the local authority boundary) with a;

- a. Learning difficulty
- b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder **Total 147**
- c. SEMH – **Total 106**

**Response:**

The total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all 'Special School' categories, that are placed out of area with a Learning difficulty is 64.

The total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all 'Special School' categories, that are placed out of area with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder is 147.

The total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all 'Special School' categories, that are placed out of area with SEMH is 106.

**Request:**

9. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a '**Special school: independent special school**' that are in;

- a. Day placements (no boarding component)
- b. 38 or 52-week placements (boarding component)

**Response:**

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' that are in Day placements are 160.

The total number of children and young people City of Doncaster Council maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' that are in 38 or 52-week placements is 13.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £147.00 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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