From: Foi Enquiries Sent: 23 September 2019 10:39

Subject: FOI-19-0630 - SEN Placements

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Thank you for your information request of 03 May 2019 and please accept our sincere apologies for delay in providing the response to you. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

**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.

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.

2. How many children (under the age of 18) with Additional Support Needs did your local authority commission educational funding to send them to an Independent Special School?

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

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

5. Of the children (under the age of 18) with Additional Support Needs 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)?

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

7. Of the children (under the age of 18) with Additional Support Needs 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)?

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

Please find enclosed document ref: FOI-19-0630 – SEN Placements.

Please note that we do not hold any historical information as the information we hold is updated on a weekly basis, therefore, we provided the what we hold on the database.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **some of the information required above** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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