



My Ref: FOI/4335
Your Ref:
Date: 01/05/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

Please provide, for each financial year from 2014-15 to 2024-25 inclusive, broken down by year, the gross expenditure that your council has spent on:

- 1. SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), defined as services and support for children and young people up to the age of 25 with special educational needs or disabilities. This includes Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans, specialist educational provision, SEND transport, and any other direct support provided by the council.**

Data provided for 2018/19 to 2023/24. 2024/25 data not available as S251 return not yet completed.

See DfE S251 returns as per attached document.

- 2. Please provide, for the respective years, the gross expenditure on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) broken down by category, including but not limited to:**

- **Specialist Educational Placements- Funding for places at special schools, including independent or out-of-county schools. See DfE S251 returns as per attached document**
- **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan Support- Support costs linked directly to EHC plans (e.g., specialist teaching assistants). We do not hold information at this level.**
- **SEND Transport- Transport for children and young people with SEND to schools or colleges. See DfE S251 returns as per attached document**
- **Additional Support in Mainstream Settings- Funding to help mainstream schools support pupils with additional needs (e.g., SENCOs, specialist teaching). See DfE S251 returns as per attached document**
- **Specialist Support Services- Therapists (e.g., speech and language therapy, occupational therapy), specialist teachers, or educational psychologists. See DfE S251 returns as per attached document**
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- **Short Breaks/Respite Care- Services for families of children with SEND to give carers a break.** We do not hold this information.
- **Transition Services- Support for young people with SEND moving into adulthood (often overlaps with adult social care).** We do not hold this information.
- **Early Years SEND Support- Targeted support for children with SEND in nurseries or early years settings.** See DfE S251 returns as per attached document
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- **Other Advisory or Inclusion Services- Local teams providing advice to schools on inclusion strategies.** This question is unclear, we do not have an "other advisory" service in SEND.

3. The total amount in the respective years received from central government to fulfil these obligations. Assumption made this question refers to High Needs funding – See DfE S251 return as per attached document

4.Total council expenditure from 2014-15 to 2024-25 inclusive, broken down by year. See published Statement of Accounts on BMBC Website [Annual statement of accounts](#)

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Kind regards,

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