

Freedom of Information – Response – 26531

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2025:

Suffolk County Council are not able to provide the information by County Electoral Division

1. The total number of requests for new Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans received for children and young people living in Suffolk, broken down by County Electoral Division (based on home address).

| | Applications for EHCP | |
|---------|------------------------------|--|
| 2022-23 | 2101 | |
| 2023-24 | 2642 | |
| 2024-25 | 2535 | |

- 2. For each division and each academic year in that period:
- Number and percentage of EHC Plans issued within the statutory 20-week timeframe.

*Please note that data is from April 2023 onwards due to a change in system.

| | Number issued within 20 weeks | % issued within 20 weeks | Average completion time (weeks) |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2022-23* | 10 | 2.1 | 18 |
| 2023-24 | 199 | 13 | 17 |
| 2024-25 | 459 | 17.9 | 18 |

- Number and percentage issued after 20 weeks, and the average completion time (weeks) for those cases.

*Please note that data is from April 2023 onwards due to a change in system.

| | Number issued after 20 weeks | % issued after 20 weeks | Average completion time (weeks) |
|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2022-23* | 469 | 97.9 | 39 |
| 2023-24 | 1327 | 87 | 42 |
| 2024-25 | 2104 | 82.1 | 48 |

- Number of open assessments still awaiting completion as of 31 August 2025. 354
- 3. The number of SEND Tribunal appeals lodged by parents or carers during the same period that related specifically to EHC Plan assessment or content, broken down by division.

| Tribunals relating to: | Assessment | Content |
|------------------------|------------|---------|
| 2022-23 | 24 | 99 |
| 2023-24 | 20 | 255 |
| 2024-25 | 22 | 300 |

- 4. For those appeals, please state the number and percentage of outcomes that were:
- a. Upheld or partially upheld in favour of the parent/carer.

| Tribunals relating to: | Assessment number | Assessment % | Content number | Content % |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2022-23 | 23 | 96 | 94 | 95 |
| 2023-24 | 19 | 95 | 220 | 86 |
| 2024-25 | 18 | 82 | 188 | 63 |

b. Withdrawn following mediation or early resolution.

Please note that in some instances, data has been suppressed to avoid identification of individuals.

| | Assessment Number | Assessment % | Content number | Content % |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2022-2023 | 0 | 0 | <5 | <5 |
| 2023-2024 | <5 | 5 | 5 | <5 |
| 2024-2025 | 0 | 0 | <5 | <5 |

c. Dismissed or conceded by the Council.

| | Dismissed by the Tribunal | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|--|
| | Assessment number Assessment % Content number Content % | | | | |
| 2022-2023 | <5 | <5 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2023-2024 | 0 | 0 | <5 | <5 | |
| 2024-2025 | 0 | 0 | <5 | <5 | |

| | Conceded by the council | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|--|
| | Assessment number Assessment % Content number Content % | | | | |
| 2022-2023 | 20 | 83 | 8 | 8 | |
| 2023-2024 | 12 | 60 | 10 | <5 | |
| 2024-2025 | 9 | 41 | 27 | 9 | |