



## **Freedom of Information – Response – 26732**

*This request relates to education otherwise than at school (EOTAS) arranged by the local authority under section 61 of the Children and Families Act 2014.*

*Please provide the following recorded information held by the local authority.*

*Please provide the information for the following periods: Financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 And, where available, the most recent position held in 2025 (year to date)*

- 1. For each period, the total number of children and young people for whom the local authority arranged EOTAS provision.*
- 2. For each period, the total gross expenditure incurred by the local authority on EOTAS provision. For the avoidance of doubt, this should include all payments made by the local authority in relation to EOTAS, including but not limited to tuition, therapy, alternative provision, online education, and any associated educational support costs.*

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council (SCC) holds this information; however, it is exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

For the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 the information requested is only held within each individual EHCP document, meaning that to locate, identify and extract the data and individual would have to go through each EHCP individually.

Due to the volume of EHCPs in Suffolk this will take us in excess of 18 hours and therefore be exempt from disclosure under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

There has been over 29,995 EHCPs in place during these financial years.

We can confirm however, that SCC has recently implemented a new system that, going forward, enables us to report the information you have requested.

At this point in time would you be happy to receive the information as a snapshot for December 2025? If so, we should be able to provide you with the current number of children in receipt of an EOTAS provision arranged by the local authority under section 61 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

