

Freedom of Information – Response – 26813

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the academic years 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25, please provide the following:

- 1. The number of children or young people registered as EOTAS or EOTIS, or where the LA has determined provision should be made otherwise than in a school under Section 61 CFA 2014 for the above academic years*
- 2. The total annual spend (£) on EOTAS or EOTIS packages in each of those academic years*
- 3. The cost of the single most expensive EOTAS or EOTIS package in each academic year (2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25)*
- 4. If possible, and not identifying any individuals, please provide a breakdown of what was included within the most expensive package for each year*

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 academic years 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 EHCP's 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 23,648 EHCP's in place during these academic 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.