

Freedom of Information – Response – 26837

Thank you for your response to my Freedom of Information request, reference 26732.

Thank you also for explaining the limitations of the historic data and for outlining the introduction of a new system.

Yes, I would be content to receive the information as a snapshot for December 2025 .

In particular, I would be grateful if you could please provide:

- the current number of children and young people for whom Suffolk County Council is arranging Education Otherwise Than At School (EOTAS) provision under section 61 of the Children and Families Act 2014, as at December 2025. In addition, could you please confirm whether the new system also records, or will record going forward, any aggregated or summary information relating to expenditure on EOTAS provision . If a current or snapshot figure for EOTAS-related expenditure is held for December 2025, even on a provisional or high-level basis, I would be grateful if you could confirm this.*

I am not asking the council to retrospectively extract or analyse historic data. I am simply seeking confirmation of what information is now held and can be provided following the implementation of the new system.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that as at, December 2025 there were 32 children and young people receiving an EOTAS provision under Section 61 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

The total committed spend for the AY 25/26 was £1,316,025 for these children with an EHCP who either through a package commissioned by the LA or through a personal budget because no suitable school place is available.

Furthermore, SCC can confirm that the new system will track the number of children and young people receiving an EOTAS provision and also the expenditure.

