

Freedom of Information – Response – 27221

I'm looking for information on the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF).

I cannot find any data on your website.

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. How much money is provided, annually, to your council through the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund, from the Department for Education

A- 2025-2026 - £419,655.00.

2. How many individuals apply for this fund? Please provide information for the following years; 1 Jan 2024-31 Dec 2024 and 1 Jan 2025-31 Dec 2025

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<i>1 Jan 2024-31 Dec 2024</i>	<i>1 Jan 2025-31 Dec 2025</i>
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3. Please break these down into gender (e.g. male, female, trans or whichever way you record data) and ethnicity (e.g. white, Asian, black, mixed race etc. or whichever way you record data) for the corresponding years. This can be categorised (e.g 10 male, 3 white, 3 black, 4 Asian).

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	2024	2025
Gender		
Female	104	83
Male	103	89
Transgender	4	1

Ethnicity	2024	2025
African	1	
Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	7	5
Any other White background	2	2
Arab	1	
Scottish/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/British	192	162
White and Asian	1	
White and Black African	1	1
White and Black Caribbean	6	3

4. How many individuals receive this fund? Please provide information for the following years; 1 Jan 2024-31 Dec 2024 and 1 Jan 2025-31 Dec 2025

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1 Jan 2024-31 Dec 2024	1 Jan 2025-31 Dec 2025
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5. Please break these down into gender (e.g. male, female, trans or whichever way you record data) and ethnicity (e.g. white, Asian, black, mixed race etc. or whichever way you record data) for the corresponding years. This can be categorised (e.g 10 male, 3 white, 3 black, 4 Asian).

A- Please see tables in Q3.

6. How much was assigned to each child that successfully applied to the fund for the following years: 1 Jan 2021-31 Dec 2021; 1 Jan 2022-31 Dec 2022; 1 Jan 2023-31 Dec 2023; and 1 Jan 2024-31 Dec 2024 and 1 Jan 2025-31 Dec 2025? Please break this down into amounts (e.g <£500, £501 - £1000, £1001-£1500 etc.)

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Funding Band	2021	2022	2023	2024
<=500	3	0	4	12
501-1000	12	7	8	18
1001-1500	18	11	8	42
1501-2000	11	20	16	43
2001-2500	41	38	39	96
2501-3000	15	13	12	34
3001-3500	41	25	13	30
3501-4000	18	18	13	15
4001-5000	32	38	57	24
5001+	21	25	46	0

7. How much was returned from unspent accounts to the Department for Education for the following financial years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

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2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
£133,276.20	£27,171.26	£146,233.08	£200,857.21	£140,512.82

8. If unspent money is not returned to the Department for Education, please confirm what the process is for anything left unused.

A- Unspent funds are returned to the ASGSF.