

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27803

I would like to request the following information about services for children and young people aged 5-19 (25 for children with SEND) in Suffolk under the Freedom of Information Act.

Question 1: Universal services for children and young people

Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure reported under line 3.5.1 in your Section 251 Outturn Statement for 2025/26 (Universal services for children and young people). For each budget heading, programme or service, please include:

- *Name of the budget heading, programme or service*
 - *Expenditure*
 - *Whether the service is delivered directly by the local authority or commissioned externally*
- NB. Please do not include your Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme funding in the above breakdown.*

Whilst Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that the requested information is held, we are withholding it from release under s.22 information intended for future publication of FOIA. s.22 allows a public authority to withhold information where there is a view to publish the information in the future, and it is reasonable in all circumstances to withhold it until that time.

The Section 251 Outturn Statement for 2025/2026 is yet to be published and is presently in draft form undergoing validation by the DfE. This will be published between October – December 2026

s.22 is a qualified exemption and therefore is subject to the public interest test.

Factors in favour of release:

- Greater transparency regarding services for children and young people
- Enhanced accountability in relation to services for children and young people

Factors in favour of withholding:

- There is a recognised public interest in allowing public authorities to publish information in a planned and orderly manner.
- The Council has already allocated time and resources to the planned publication of this information.
- There is a public interest in public authorities using their limited resources efficiently and in facilitating publication through established processes rather than through ad hoc disclosure.
- Publication is anticipated within a relatively short timeframe therefore the delay to public access is limited.
- Outturn data is typically published during the autumn, often between October and December following submission to the DfE

It should be available on the following link when published : <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-catalogue?publicationId=dc8b32b-4e50-4fe2-a539-58f9b6b3a366&releaseVersionId=&themeld=bc08839f-2970-4f34-af2d-29608a48082f>.

Question 2: Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Please provide a breakdown of your HAF Programme expenditure in 2025/26. For each budget heading, programme or service, please include:

- *Name of the budget heading, programme or service*
- *Expenditure*
- *Whether the service is delivered by the local authority or commissioned externally*

1. Name of Budget and Expenditure

- HAF Programme Delivery: £2,016,219.79
- HAF Administration Costs: £79,934.40
- HAF Other Costs: £46,252.18
- HAF Booking System: £16,838.78
- HAF Total Expenditure: £2,159,245.15

2. Delivery Method

The programme is delivered through a mixture of local authority services and externally commissioned services.