

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
C O U N C I L

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 111571  
Date            13 November 2015

### *Children and Young People*

**Request:**

1. As of today's date, How many children and young people you have placed in the following:
  - a. Independent SEN Day Schools - **36**
  - b. Independent SEN 38week/ term time Residential School Placements - **0**
  - c. Independent SEN 52 week Residential School Placements - **6**
2. For each of the categories in Question 1 above please also tell me how many of these are placed inside your Local Authority boundary? - **2**
3. Can you please tell me for the categories and placement numbers in question 1, the breakdown of these placements by primary need in the following categories if possible:

Social, Emotional, Behavioural

- a) **25**
- b) **0**
- c) **3**

Autism Spectrum Conditions

- a) **8**
- b) **0**
- c) **3**

Hearing Impairment/Visual Impairment

**N/A**

Speech and Lang/Communication

**N/A**

Learning Difficulties/SLD/MLD

**N/A**

Other

3. Can you tell me the average cost of placements for the following:

- Independent SEN Day School Placements - £63,466
- Independent SEN Residential (38week Placements)  
Total contribution to a pooled budget
- Independent SEN Residential (52week Placements)  
Total contribution to a pooled budget

4. How do you make both SEN independent day placements and 38/52 week independent residential school placements? Do you have a contract or framework? If you do could you send me the details of this please, such as the name of the contract, contract period and which providers are on it please?

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information. However, I can inform you that Wolverhampton Council is a member of the West Midlands Residential Framework and Sandwell Council is the lead authority who would be best placed to answer this question. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

5. Do you have a SEN strategy / plan that you could send or tell me where I could find it please?

The Council has decided not to disclose this information.

The information you requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption(s) in Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to Information Intended for Future Publication.

The situation is currently under review and forms part of the Children, Learning & Young Peoples (CLYP) Fundamental Service Review.

6. Could you please provide name, position and contact details for the following people within your local authority?

a. Lead person for making independent SEN placements

Sandy Lisle, SEN Manager

b. Director of Children's Services

Linda Sanders – Strategic Director People

c. Budget holder for Independent SEN Placements

As above in 6a