

15 April 2020
Our ref: 6193990

Thank you for your request received on 17 March 2020, for the following information:

- 1. What has been the total cost of SEN education support that has been funded by the High Needs Block (for the financial years 2015-2019 inclusive)?**
- 2. What has been the total amount of additional funding transferred in to support the High Needs Block (for the financial years 2015-2019)?**
- 3. How many SEN officers/caseworkers are currently employed in your SEN team? Please also provide the average [mean] staffing numbers for the financial years (1st April - 31st March) 2014-2015, and 2017-2019 inclusive.**
- 4. What was the mean number of cases annually assigned to each SEN caseworker for the years above?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

- 1. What has been the total cost of SEN education support that has been funded by the High Needs Block (for the financial years 2015-2019 inclusive)?***

Section 251 data showing HN Block expenditure can be found
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/section-251-materials#other-section-251-documents>

- 2. What has been the total amount of additional funding transferred in to support the High Needs Block (for the financial years 2015-2019)?***

2015/16 - Nil
2016/17 - Nil
2017/18 - Nil
2018/19 – Nil

- 3. How many SEN officers/caseworkers are currently employed in your SEN team?***

There are currently 10 SEN Caseworkers and 2 Senior SEN Caseworkers as of April 2020

a) Please also provide the average [mean] staffing numbers for the financial years (1st April - 31st March) 2014-2015, and 2017-2019 inclusive.

b) What was the mean number of cases annually assigned to each SEN caseworker for the years above?

a)

Mean number of staffing. Please note we do not have figures for 2014 – 15:

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| 2015-2016 | - | 15 f.te |
| 2016-2017 | - | 15 f.t.e |
| 2017-2018 | - | 15 f.t.e |
| 2018-2019 | - | 15 f.t.e |

b)

Please see table below:

| Financial Year | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mean number of cases allocated | 299 | 260 | 230 | 247 |

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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