

From: Freedom of Information Requests
Sent: 30 July 2025 16:56
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 21 July 2025 for information about EHC plans and Emotional Based School Avoidance. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request

- For each of the academic years 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25, the total number of EHC plans held by your authority.
- In each of the academic years 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25 the number of EHC plans held by your council at some point in that year which mention Emotional Based School Avoidance or EBSA”.

Response

After carefully considering your request for information the Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Basis for decision:

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act allows for a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds the appropriate limit. After carefully considering your request for information the Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the [Freedom of Information \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004](#). The regulations allow a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds £450 (or 18 hours of officer time).

Why does the exemption apply in this case?

The cost limit applies in this case because the City of Doncaster Council does not hold a central record of the number of EHC plans which mention Emotional Based School Avoidance or EBSA, therefore in order to determine this information for 2025 an example a total of 3317 cases will need to be reviewed. It is estimated that each case will require a 7 minute investigation resulting in a total time of approximately 386 hours which would exceed the time limit.

In order for us to reconsider your request we ask that you make your request more specific by narrowing down the scope of your request. For example, removing the question relating to Emotional Based School Avoidance.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information

legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,
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