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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 19 December 2023, following the response to your previous Freedom of Information Request, reference, 68076.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. How many children have an EHCP?

Response:  
2632 children have an EHCP.

2. How many children identified as autistic do not have an EHCP?

Response:  
In the January 2023 school census, 577 pupils were recorded as having SEN Support with a primary or secondary need of Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

This is the most recent data available as primary and secondary need are only collected on the January census, City of Doncaster Council do not have any other means of collecting this data from schools. The January 2024 census data will be available in April 2024.

3. How many of these EHCPs identify ASD, ASC or Autism as a need or diagnosis?

Response:  
There are 925 EHCPs which identify ASD, ASC or Autism as a need or diagnosis.

4. For the EHCPs that have Autism (ASD/ASC) identified, what is the type of educational setting they attend (type of school named in Section I).

Response:  
Mainstream: 297  
Specialist: 287  
Independent including Post 16: 156  
Post 16 Mainstream: 110  
Elective Home Education: 19  
PRU: 12  
Awaiting placement: 18  
NEET: 26

7. Does your LA use the term 'Pathological Demand Avoidance' or 'PDA' or 'autism with a demand avoidant profile' in EHCPs if provided in a professional report?

Response:  
Yes

8. If these terms in question 7 are not used, what is the reason for this?"  
N/A

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

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