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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for contacting Buckinghamshire Council and your request for information regarding Personal Transport Budgets.

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please refer to our response below.

Response:

1) Please explain if you have a policy for SEND EHCP parents to request a personal transport budget (not mileage) to manage and appoint the transport contract for their child's school run?

The Council's Home to School Transport Policy (0- to 25-year-olds) contains guidance on Personal Transport Budgets (PTB)

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

The information you require can be found here:

[7. Personal Transport Budgets and Mileage claims for pupils with SEND | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

2) What is the exact and specific legislation basis that Buckinghamshire Council relies upon to offer and agree SEND parents having a direct personal budget to make these arranges)

A PTB is a discretionary offer that sits alongside the Council's statutory responsibility to provide transport for students deemed as being eligible as described in The Education Act 1996, S.508B

3) How many people use a direct transport budget (not mileage rates) allowance to arrange a taxi contract for daily response?

There are currently 542 students, including Post 16 SEND, receiving a PTB

4) Please provide all the backroad minutes/ meeting notes for direct funding decision

The meetings in question are individual ones that are held between our clients and one of the team's Travel Assessment Officers. The meetings are conducted by telephone, so there are no minutes recorded as such. The Travel Assessment Officer will determine after the meeting if a PTB is suitable, and then confirms the decision to the parent in an email.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to:

access2information@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or by writing to us at Information Management, Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0330 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

With kind regards

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