

Freedom of Information Request - Ref 1281428 - ABA provision - Submission date 23 March 2016

The request is as follows:

1. Please can you tell me how many children are receiving any Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) provision - whether it is provided in an ABA/VB* home programme, in an ABA/VB primary or secondary special school or alongside mainstream school at any age in a part-time home/school programme. *ABA is sometimes called VB or Verbal Behaviour.

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2. Please can you then tell me how many of them had Applied Behavioural Analysis due to a tribunal order and how many receive this without a tribunal. If without a tribunal, had parents initiated legal action but reached settlement with you for ABA before tribunal took place?

Due to a tribunal order - 1

Without a tribunal - 2

3. Please can you forward me any policy documents that are associated with the awarding of any Applied Behavioural Analysis provision and demonstrate how the decision is made.

There are no specific documents relating to the funding of ABA or any other specific programme. The needs of the child are considered on a case by case basis along with advice from professionals on appropriate approaches and principles relating to any support.

4. Finally, please can you explain your rationale for awarding Applied Behavioural Analysis without tribunal orders. Are your criteria for awarding ABA laid out on your SEND Local Offer page?

As above, no specific programmes of support are named in our policy documents. Support is considered on a case by case basis in relation to the needs of the child / young person and professional advice.