

Information Resilience and Transparency

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Dear Mr Todd

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to bus spending. Please see the response provided below:

1. What was the total net spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2018/19?*

£6,107,148

2. What was the total net spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2009/10?*

£5,733,169

3. How many and which supported routes have had cuts in services in the fiscal year 2018/19 and (for example loss of weekend or evening services)? Please state if these are partial (the numbered service still runs but on fewer times) or total (the numbered service is completely withdrawn) cuts.

One County Council subsidised bus service had a subsidy reduction linked to a service reduction in 2018/19. This related to the Sunday service on service 429 (West Kingsdown – Swanley – Dartford) where there was a reduction in the number of journeys operating on this day (the Monday to Saturday service is provided commercially).

4. How many and which of the previously supported routes have been taken on commercially?

One previously subsidised service was taken on in an entirely commercial basis having previously been subsidised. This was service 235 which operates between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells on Schooldays only.

5a. What was the total net spend on free school transport (11-16yr olds in mainstream education) in 2018/19? £5.199.764

5b. How many pupils was this for? 5,738

6a. What was the total net spend on free school transport (11-16yr olds in mainstream education) in 2013/14? £10.223.005

6b. How many pupils was this for? 12,321

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Yours sincerely

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