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Dear Ms Cummings,

Re: Freedom of Information request INF 84941108

Thank you for your request for information received by North Lincolnshire Council on 15 August, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. I have considered your request in detail and can confirm that the council holds the following information:

The amount of money the council has spent on specialist educational support services for gypsy and traveller children for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

All known Gypsy, Roma and Travellers (GRT) pupils in North Lincolnshire schools are supported by dedicated staff from the Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS). As such the level of support given is dependent on the number of actual children known or ascribed as GRT each year which can vary considerably throughout the year based on the fact that some families also go travelling within the academic year. Overall, the amount of support given to GRT pupils has remained the same since 2008 however we are unable to desegregate the specific financial contribution from the overall EMTAS budget.

For the past two years we have a full time Teaching Assistant 3 devoted to GRT with additional amounts of teacher time for overseeing the work as and when needed and Teaching Assistant support in the region of approximately half a day per week when numbers increase. This enables us to meet the needs of all GRT pupils in North Lincolnshire known and referred to us by schools.

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Yours sincerely

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