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Dear Michael Gaffney

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information dated 19 January 2022 and further to my email on 15 February 2022, apologising for the delay to your request. This was due to service pressures and priorities the service have been facing, and additionally due to staff leave. You have requested the following information:

I have two questions regarding children in the borough, with Education and Health Care Plans.

- 1. For how many of these children are services, provided to meet the requirements of their EHCP, commissioned by the child's family rather than by the Council?*
- 2. What is the overall budget for direct payments for services, provided by the Council to parents /guardians of children with EHCPs in these circumstances?*

I am pleased to advise that the Council can provide the information you have requested.

1. 13.
2. This financial year £61054.05.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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