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Dear Mr Gaffney,

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Thank you for your request for information dated 29 January 2020, which the Council received by email. You have requested the following information:

1. *The number of cases Tameside Local Education Authority has defended in the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) in 2019, 2018 and 2017*
2. *The number of cases at the Tribunal which Tameside Local Education Authority won, for each of those years*
3. *The amount of money spent by Tameside Local Education Authority on legal costs for defending cases at the Tribunal, for each of those years*

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

	Cases Defended in the First-Tier Tribunal	Cases Won	Money Spent on Legal Costs and Defending Cases
2017	3	Nil	Nil
2018	1	Nil	Nil
2019	Nil	Not Applicable	Nil

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of the Council's decision, please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at PO BOX 317, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 0GS.

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Yours sincerely,

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