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Dear Ms Melson

Refusal Notice

Request for Information Reference Number: RFI. 101000147944

I write further to our acknowledgment concerning your Freedom of Information request for:

SEN COSTS, month of birth, gender, primary need - 2011-2012 & 2012-2013
Dear Medway Council, Could you please provide the following information for years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 respectively in relation to your Local Authority(LA) maintained/state-funded mainstream schools (not special schools, pupil referral units or out-of borough pupils): 1) *SEN WITHOUT STATEMENT & COSTS* The percentage of pupils with SEN without statement by month of birth and gender in: a) your LA maintained/state-funded primary schools and b) your LA maintained/state-funded secondary schools and the financial cost to your LA in relation to providing additional support for these pupils whether by the level of funding provided to school budgets and/or the level of funding held centrally (preferably by month of birth and gender): a) your LA maintained/state-funded primary schools and b) your LA maintained/state-funded secondary 2) *SEN WITH STATEMENT & COSTS* The percentage of pupils with SEN with statement by month of birth and gender in: a) your LA maintained/state-funded primary schools and b) your LA maintained/state-funded secondary 3) *PRIMARY TYPE OF NEED - SEN WITHOUT STATEMENT* The percentage of pupils by gender and their age in reception class or age in Year 7 at the start of the academic with each primary type of need listed below with SEN without statement in a) your LA maintained/state-funded primary schools and b) your LA maintained/state-funded secondary schools; • Specific Learning Difficulty • Moderate Learning Difficulty • Severe Learning Difficulty • Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty • Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulty • Speech Language and Communication Difficulty • Hearing Impairment • Visual Impairment • Multi-Sensory Impairment • Physical Disability • Autistic Spectrum Disorder • Other Difficulty/Disability 4) *PRIMARY TYPE OF NEED - SEN WITH STATEMENT* The percentage of pupils by gender and their age in reception class or age in Year 7 at the start of the academic year with each primary type of need listed below with SEN with statement in a) your LA maintained/state-funded primary schools and b) your LA maintained/state-funded secondary schools; • Specific Learning Difficulty • Moderate Learning Difficulty • Severe Learning Difficulty • Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty • Behaviour, Emotional and Social

Difficulty • Speech Language and Communication Difficulty • Hearing Impairment • Visual Impairment • Multi-Sensory Impairment • Physical Disability • Autistic Spectrum Disorder • Other Difficulty/Disability

I can confirm that the Council holds the information requested by you relating to pupils with statements.

The Council has assessed your request and considers that the costs of compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit", as referred to in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"). The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450.

In determining whether the appropriate limit is exceeded, the Council must only consider the following factors in estimating the cost:

- Determining whether the information is held;
- Locating the information or documents containing the information;
- Retrieving the information; and
- Extracting the information from documents.

Under the Act the Council has the right to decline a request where the appropriate limit is exceeded. In this case the Council has decided not to comply with the request, because the appropriate limit would be exceeded.

However, you may wish to make your request more specific, so that retrieval of the information will be easier, and so reduce the costs within the appropriate limit.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided or wish to complain about any other issue regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 please refer to our website at

<http://www.medway.gov.uk/councilanddemocracy/performanceandpolicy/freedomofinformationact/complaints.aspx>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. L.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Customer Relations Officer