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Title Special Educational Needs First Tier Tribunals

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Information Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you tell me how much the council has spent on instructing solicitors/barristers for Special Educational Needs first tier tribunals, upper tribunals and judicial reviews in each year since 2013/14.

Please break down the total by cost per case and please provide a summary of the reason for each case e.g. parent seeking council funds to cover the cost of their child's education.

If possible, please provide the outcome of each case i.e. the panel/judge upheld the council's decision, the panel/judge overturned the council's decision and for each hearing please include whether the parent had legal representation or if they were a litigant in person.

Please also include how many cases were settled before they went to hearing, or where one party cancelled the hearing please state whether this was the local authority or the parent.

Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

Eastbourne Borough Council does not hold the information you have requested.

- **The responsible authority for schools, education & child welfare is East Sussex County Council and their Freedom of Information Officer can be contacted at the address below.**

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