



Wigan♥
Council

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding care and education for children with special educational needs (SEN).

I am aware of data published by the Department for Education. However, the 'Education, health and care plans' data set (<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans>) does not provide any granular breakdown by primary type of SEN need. I am also aware of the 'Special education needs in England' data set (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen>), which includes the number of pupils with SEN by primary type of need but excludes independent special schools, meaning that it cannot be directly compared or combined with the 'Education, health and care plans' data set.

Response

Please see attachment

Children with a statement or EHC Plan FOI request

Local authority: Wigan Council

Date: 09/08/2024

Please note that 'all 'Special School' categories' is to include state-funded nursery, primary, and secondary special schools, non-maintained special schools, pupil referral units, and independent special schools

Please note the category of 'Learning Difficulty' includes Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD), Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD), Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD), Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD).

Please note that 'SEMH' refers to Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs where children/young people have difficulties managing their behaviour. Typical characteristics include, but are not limited to: emotional regulation issues, social interaction difficulties, mental health conditions, and behavioural issues

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children and young people's SEN placements.	Name	Job Title	Telephone no.	Email address
We do not supply contact information for council officers below AD.	Cath Pealing	Assistant Director Education	01942 489453	C.Pealing@wigan.gov.uk

2. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a;	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
(a) Learning Difficulty	583	640	686	708	
(b) Autistic Spectrum Disorder	560	629	699	810	
(c) SEMH	574	613	675	775	

3. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC plan with a learning difficulty of;	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
(a) Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)	230	277	318	348	
(b) Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)	287	301	306	283	
(c) Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD)	34	32	30	32	
(d) Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD)	32	30	32	45	

4. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in all 'Special school' categories with a;	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
(a) Learning Difficulty	293	293	308	317	
(b) Autistic Spectrum Disorder	313	330	349	400	
(c) SEMH	229	239	246	268	

5. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a ' Special school: independent special school ' only with a;	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
(a) Learning Difficulty	1	3	7	10	
(b) Autistic Spectrum Disorder	19	23	36	52	
(c) SEMH	36	42	63	86	

6. Please provide the local authority's total net expenditure on SEN placements in 'Special school: independent special schools'	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	22,274,110	24,874,447	27,924,653	33,832,780	36,167,259

7. Please provide the local authority's total net expenditure on SEN placements in ' Special school: independent special schools ' with a;	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
(a) Learning Difficulty	1,153,705	1,262,289	1,300,993	1,149,596	1,220,875
(b) Autistic Spectrum Disorder	2,521,313	3,658,214	4,020,113	5,127,155	5,878,995
(c) SEMH	1,798,773	365,889	376,862	387,962	389,907

8. Of the total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all 'Special School' categories (Q. 4), please provide the number that are placed out of area (i.e. outside the LA boundary) with a;	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
(a) Learning Difficulty	15	14	6	14	
(b) Autistic Spectrum Disorder	22	29	26	19	
(c) SEMH	34	35	41	46	

9. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a ' Special school: independent special school ' that are in;	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
(a) Day placements	52	57	76	107	149
(b) 38 or 52 week placements	4	2	2	0	5

As of the census date in January