

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. In the last available year, the total number of Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) applications within your local authority area rejected for children diagnosed with or suffering from cancer. Please could you also provide the percentage of rejected applications compared to the total number of applications for young cancer sufferers.
2. The total number of rejected EHCP applications for young cancer sufferers in the two years prior to that given above.

Response:

We are unable to confirm whether or not any of the Education Health Care Needs Assessment request learners had a diagnosis of cancer at the point of referral. This is as the LA does not record this level of information, only the primary and secondary area of need. In addition, the LA is only required by law to retain information for a period of 6 months where a 'no to EHC Needs Assessment' decision has been made, and a formal appeal has not been brought against the LA