



I would like to request the following information from the council:

1. The number of EHCPs in place in Wigan Council. I would like this information for the last ten years, broken down by financial year.

Wigan Council does not hold the information in the format you are requesting in relation to the number of EHC Plans by financial year. The Council holds this information at the date of national census which is the 17 January (EHC Plan numbers fluctuate throughout the year):

2016 – 1,371
2017 – 1,534
2018 – 1,680
2019 – 1,804
2020 – 1,930
2021 – 2,111
2022 – 2,337
2023 – 2,607
2024 – 2,966
2025 – 3,579

2. The cost of transport to and from school for children with EHCPs. I would like this information for the last ten years, broken down by financial year.

The information provided includes costs for the provision of transport, including commissioned transport, travel passes and Passenger Assistants.

We do not hold records of passengers without an EHCP that were provided with home to school transport prior to the financial year 203/2024. Therefore, the costs included for all passengers accessing this service.

3. And, within this transport cost, the cost of taxis to school and from school for children with EHCPs. I would like this information for the last ten years, broken down by financial year.

The information provided include the costs of all commissioned transport. This will include taxis, minibuses and coaches. We do not record by type of vehicle.

Year	Transport Cost	Cost of Taxis
2015-16	£ 3,468,841	£ 2,163,782
2016-17	£ 3,401,996	£ 2,080,287
2017-18	£ 3,761,115	£ 2,383,689
2018-19	£ 4,263,922	£ 2,789,386
2019-20	£ 4,098,083	£ 2,848,745
2020-21	£ 4,194,478	£ 2,939,468
2021-22	£ 4,529,169	£ 3,160,725
2022-23	£ 6,038,004	£ 4,496,414
2023-24	£ 7,355,840	£ 5,503,527
2024-25	£ 9,291,682	£ 7,187,895