



REQUEST 18306

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding unregistered alternative provisions commissioned by your authority.

Information Requested:

1. List of Unregistered Alternative Provisions - Please provide a complete list of all unregistered alternative provision settings that your authority has commissioned, arranged, or approved for use in the last 12 months from date of this request. For each provision, please include:
 - Name of the provider/setting
 - Address/location of provision
 - Type of provision offered (e.g., vocational training, therapeutic support, outdoor education)
 - Whether the provision is part-time or full-time
2. Pupil Numbers - Please provide the total number of children of compulsory school age who have been educated in these unregistered alternative provisions during the above period, broken down by:
 - Current placements (as of [current date])
 - Total placements made during the last 12 months
 - Average duration of placements where available
3. Financial Information - Please provide details of the costs associated with these placements:
 - Total expenditure on each provider during the specified period
 - Grand total expenditure across all unregistered alternative provisions
4. Travel Cost Confirmation - Please confirm whether the financial figures provided in response to point 3 above include Transport/travel costs for pupils
5. Proprietor Contact Information - Where it does not contravene the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018, please provide the business email addresses for the proprietors or designated contacts for each unregistered alternative provision listed.

RESPONSE

1.

Alternative Provision	Address	Type of provision
Bike Mech	Cheetham House Farm, Park Lane, Abram, Wigan WN2 5XP	Part-time Vocational
Sun & Beauty Rooms	432 Warrington Road, Goose Green, Wigan, WN3 6QF	Part-time Vocational
JEP	51 Frederick Road, Salford M6 6FP and Merchants Place, Bolton BL2 1BX	Part-time Vocational
SEN Inclusion Support - Recruitment Funding Solutions Limited	Unit A Telford Court Chester Gates Business Park, Chester CH1 6LT	Part-time Tutoring
SEND Recruitment	14D Warburton House, Eagle Brow, Lymm, WA13 0LJ	Part-time Tutoring
Kip McGrath	85 Church Street, Leigh, , WN7 1AZ and 47 Soho St, Robin Park Wigan, WN5 0UX	Part-time Tutoring
MindJam Limited	43 Coopers Holt Close Skellingthorpe Lincoln Lincolnshire LN6 5SY	Part-time Mentoring
Integra	4a Olympic Park, Woolston Grange Avenue, Warrington, WA2 0YL	Part-time Tutoring
Leigh Youth and Development Community Trust	A Team Hub, Trafford House Platt Fold Street, Leigh Greater Manchester WN7 1JH	Part-time Outdoor Education
Prospero	3rd Floor 15 Worship Street, London EC2A 2DT	Part-time Tutoring
The National Teaching & Advisory Service Ltd	Dean Row Court Summerfield Village Centre Dean Row Road Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 2TB	Part-time Tutoring
Wildheart Foundation	Unit 4 Linford Business Estate, Linford Street, London SW8 4AB	Part-time Tutoring
Skills 4 Life NW Ltd	35 Lord Street, Leigh WN7 1BY	Part-time Vocational

2.

Alternative Provision	Current number of pupils	Number of pupils over past 12 months
Bike Mech	0	Less than 5
Sun & Beauty Rooms	0	Less than 5
JEP	Less than 5	Less than 5
SEN Inclusion Support - Recruitment Funding Solutions Limited	14	18
SEND Recruitment	20	26
Kip McGrath	7	7
MindJam Limited	Less than 5	Less than 5
Integra	12	12
Leigh Youth and Development Community Trust	Less than 5	Less than 5
Prospero	Less than 5	Less than 5
The National Teaching & Advisory Service Ltd	Less than 5	Less than 5
Wildheart Foundation	Less than 5	Less than 5
Skills 4 Life NW Ltd	Less than 5	Less than 5

Average duration of placement: 21 days (Pupil Inclusion)

The SEND Team do not hold the information that you have requested for this question in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case:

To answer Q2 – average duration of placement - in regards to SEND pupils, 70 individual files would need to be reviewed, this would take 15 mins per file which would in total amount to 17.5 hours on top of the time already taken to complete the full FOI request which would take it over the 18 hours allocated.

3.

Alternative provision	Amount for 24/25
Bike Mech	320
Sun & Beauty Rooms	720
JEP	73,248
SEN Inclusion Support - Recruitment Funding Solutions Limited	224,552.47
SEND Recruitment	161,707.03
Kip McGrath	38,601
MindJam Limited	5,280
Integra	42,597
Leigh Youth and Development Community Trust	6,660
Prospero	15,894
The National Teaching & Advisory Service Ltd	9,096.30
Wildheart Foundation	15,120
Skills 4 Life NW Ltd	8,500
Total cost	£602,295.8

4. Travel cost: JEP includes travel costs

5.

Alternative Provision	Proprietor	Email Address
Bike Mech	Ken Winstanley	winstanley10@hotmail.co.uk
Sun & Beauty Rooms	Karen Dixon	sunandbeauty@hotmail.co.uk
JEP	Jamie Pilling	info@jepyouthengagement.com
SEN Inclusion Support - Recruitment Funding Solutions Limited	Managing Director – Alex Grant	invoicing@recruitmentfundingsolutions.co.uk
SEND Recruitment	Elizabeth Widdrington - Director	info@specialistsendgroup.co.uk
Kip McGrath	Franchises: Cath Price – Centre Director Leigh Centre Manager – Sue Hodson	leigh@kipmcgrath.co.uk wigannorth@kipmcgrath.co.uk
MindJam Limited	Director – Daniel Clark	hello@mindjam.org.uk
Integra	Directors – David Lewis and Paul Lewis	contact@integrarecruitment.co.uk
Leigh Youth and Development Community Trust	Registered Charity	heatherpp@leighcommunitytrust.co.uk
Prospero	Directors Lesley Grays and Robert Grays	contact@prosperoteaching.com
The National Teaching & Advisory Service Ltd	Directors – Allison Gunns, Elizabeth Palin, Timothy Walker	info@ntas.org.uk
Wildheart Foundation	Vision and Strategy Lead - Rosalind Walker	rosalind@wildheartfoundation.co.uk
Skills 4 Life NW Ltd	Directors – Shannon Deakin and Dale Higgins	Admin@skills4lifennw.com