



I would like to know:

1. The total number of children and young adults that the Council funded transport from home to school in the financial year 2022/23
2. The total overall cost of this:
3. The number of SEND children and young adults that the Council funded transport from home to school in the financial year 2022/23
 - a. How many of those pupils were under 16
 - b. How many were aged between 16-18
 - c. How many were aged 19-25

1782

£6,214,254

We do not hold the information that you have requested 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

We are in the process of changing over our community transport IT system and historic information cannot be easily obtained from the old IT system. Individual records would need to be reviewed for the two year period and this would take over 18 hours to complete by one member of staff.

4. The total cost of this (just SEND):

£6,038,004

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| 5. The total number of children and young adults that the Council funded transport from home to school in the financial year 2023/24 | 1852 |
| a. The total cost of this | £7,544,294 |
| 6. The number of SEND children and young adults that the Council funded transport from home to school in the financial year 2023/24 | Please see response at Q3 |
| a. How many of those pupils were under 16 | |
| b. How many were aged between 16-18 | |
| c. How many were aged 19-25 | |
| 7. The total cost of this (just SEND) | £7,544,294 |
| 8. The total number of children and young adults that the Council funded transport from home to school in the financial year 2024/25 | 1880 |
| 9. The total overall cost of this: | £9,517,949 |
| 10. The number of SEND children and young adults that the Council funded transport from home to school in the financial year 2024/25 | a. 1097 |
| a. How many of those pupils were under 16 | b. 83 |
| b. How many were aged between 16-18 | c. 78 |
| c. How many were aged 19-25 | |
| 11. The total cost of this (just SEND): | £9,350,836 |
| 12. I would also like to know the highest daily cost of home-to-school transport recorded for any SEND individual in the financial year 2022/23. | The highest daily cost of home to school transport for this financial year for an individual was £174.00 |
| a. The distance travelled for that journey: | a. 25 miles per day |
| b. Mode of travel: | b. 8 seater minibus |
| | c. 5 days per week |
| c. How many times a week (on average) they make this trip: | |
| d. Any other information you can provide about the trip: (ie who was travelling, how many vehicles etc) | A Passenger Assistant travelled with this individual, who collected and taken to their home address for each journey. The PA and type of vehicle was needed due to the needs of this individual. This route commenced on 19/9/22 until the end of the academic year. |
| 13. I would like to know the highest daily cost of home-to-school transport recorded for any SEN individual in the financial year 2023/24. | The highest daily cost of home to school transport for this financial year for an individual was £247.00 |
| a. The distance travelled for that journey: | a. 29 miles per day |
| b. Mode of travel: | b. 8 seater minibus |
| c. How many times a week (on average) they make the same trip: | c. 5 days per week |
| d. Any other information you can provide about the trip: Any other information you can provide about the trip: (ie who was travelling, how many vehicles etc) | d. Two dedicated carers travelled with this individual to and from the care home address for each journey. The dedicated carers and vehicle type were needed due to the needs of this individual. This route commenced on 18/9/23 until May 2024. |

14. I would like to know the highest daily cost of home-to-school transport recorded for any SEN individual in the financial year 2024/25.

- a. The distance travelled for that journey:
- b. Mode of travel:
- c. How many times a week (on average) they make the same trip:
- d. Any other information you can provide about the trip: Any other information you can provide about the trip: (ie who was travelling, how many vehicles etc)

The highest daily cost of home to school transport for this financial year for an individual was £388.50

- a. 52 miles per day
- b. 8 seater minibus
- c. 5 days per week
- d. Two dedicated carers travelled with this individual to and from the care home address for each journey. The dedicated carers and vehicle type were needed due to the needs of this individual. This route commenced May 2024 until the end of the academic year in July 2024.

15. A list of taxi firms that you use to supply services.

See attached list.

List of contractors used in 24/25

24/7 LTD
A1 Travel of Wigan LTD
AA Buses
Abbey Lakes LTD
Airlink
Ashcrofts
Atherton Contracts
Auto Travel
Babar Ahmed
Bestway
Britannia Taxi
Buzz 2 Go
By Tracy LTD
C&K
Central Cars and Buses
Dean Smith
DTS
Eaves
Farhad Karimi Birgani
Haroon Shamim
Ian Lloyd
JR's
JSM Contracts
K&M Travel
L&L Travel
Leigh Executive
Mahtab
MB Taxi
Mike Haslam
MJR
Mohammad Farshbaf
Mohammed Saghir
More Than Ed
Neil Farrington
Orrell
Pem Taxi
PJ Lloyd
Sabah Haydari
Squires
STS
Teletax
Town Travel
Valley
Village
Warrior Travel
Wasim Tahzeem
Wigan Mini Travel
Zodiacs