



Please provide the following information for the most recent three years for which data is available (please specify the reporting period used):

1. The number and/or percentage of children recorded as receiving SEND support in funded early education or registered early years childcare settings and the relevant statistical releases where this information is published.  

No of children referred to ELCC, receiving SEND support:

  - 23/24 – 622
  - 24/25 - 510
  - 25/26 – 420 to date
2. The number of children accessing the Disability Access Fund each year  

Information on how many individual children are in receipt of DAF funding is not held.
3. The number of children registered in early years childcare settings with an EHCP  

23/24 – 28  
24/25 – 90  
25/26 – 70 to date
4. Any centrally held summary analysis of local authority Childcare Sufficiency Assessments that refers specifically to provision for children with SEND or disabilities  

We do not plan for SEND places for early years – we plan for the numbers of all children regardless of individual needs as all our childcare places are inclusive as you know and we do not have any specialist provision that provides SEND places.
5. Any relevant figures or breakdowns of waiting lists or unmet demand specifically for SEND childcare places  

We are not aware of any waiting lists for children with SEND within the 0 – 5 age bracket. We do provide a brokerage service, there were 12 brokerage cases in Autumn term 2025, all of which were successful. This is a lower amount of cases than in Summer 2025, where there were 16 cases.

For the purpose of this request, 'early years' refers to children aged 0-5 years who have not yet entered compulsory primary education.