

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Decision notice

Date: 3 April 2025

Public Authority: London Borough of Havering

Address: Town Hall, Main Road
Romford
RM1 3BB

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from The London Borough of Havering on 6 January 2025:

- "1) How many children in your borough have an EHCP?
- 2) How many children with an EHCP are statutory school age (5-16)?
- 3) How many children with an EHCP attend a specialist school (number and percentage equivalent)
- 4) How many children with an EHCP, who are statutory school age, are registered as Electively Home Educated?
- 5) How many children with an EHCP, who are [sic] statutory school age are registered as Children Missing Education?
- 6) How many children with an EHCP, who are statutory school age, are persistently absent from school (an attendance of 90% or below)?
- 7) How many children with an EHCP, who are statutory school age have been suspended from school in the Autumn Term 2024 (Sep-Dec24)
- 8) How many children with an EHCP, who are statutory school age are attending an Alternative Provision?

9) How many children with an EHCP, aged 16+ are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)?

10) The number of children with an EHCP in residential special schools.

11) What is the current waiting list for a child in your borough to access:

A) Speech and Language Therapy

B) Physiotherapy

C) Occupational Therapy"

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals
PO Box 9300

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LE1 8DJ

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Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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