

56965 Additional Support Needs Tribunal

The information requested relates to the authority's arrangements for legal representation in the Additional Support Needs Tribunal. I request the following information from the Council:

The total number of cases from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025 in which the authority instructed external solicitor firms to act on its behalf at the Additional Support Needs Tribunal. This should include the following matters:

- a. Placing request references;
- b. Co-ordinated Support Plan references;
- c. Disability Discrimination claims;
- d. Transitions references;
- e. Upper Tribunal relating to ASN matters including permission to appeal applications.

Ten cases.

The names of the external solicitor firms instructed and the total number of cases they were instructed in during the same period noted above.

Harper Macleod LLP for all ten cases.

The total amount of public money spent by the authority on instructing external solicitor firms during the same period noted above.

£93,126.50.

Whether any of the cases are on-going matters.

One case on-going.