

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

- 1. The number of children aged 5-18 with a statement of special educational needs maintained by the council.**

As at the January census date: 1466

- 2. The number of children aged 5-18 with a statement of Special Educational Needs placed in independent/non maintained schools for the academic years 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12.(new placements in each year)**

See table below

- 3. The main need of these children detailed above eg: autism, mental health needs, social/emotional/behavioural difficulties**

| <b>Academic Year</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>ASD</b> | <b>BESD</b> | <b>SLCN</b> | <b>SLD</b> | <b>MED</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>2009-10</b>       | <b>20</b>    | <b>6</b>   | <b>13</b>   | <b>1</b>    |            |            |
| <b>2010-11</b>       | <b>46</b>    | <b>15</b>  | <b>29</b>   |             | <b>1</b>   | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>2011-12</b>       | <b>24</b>    | <b>8</b>   | <b>15</b>   |             | <b>1</b>   |            |

- 4. A breakdown of why these children detailed above were placed in independent/non maintained settings- ie: their main need could not be met in county/no space in county**

Placements for all pupils in independent schools were made on the basis that the school named was most able to meet the pupil's needs following the statutory assessment process or annual review process. Parental preferences, quality of provision (including scrutiny of ofsted reports) and distance from Leicester city were all taken into consideration".

- 5. The geographical location (county will be sufficient) of children placed in independent/non-maintained schools**

| County                                      | Number |
|---|--------|
| Derbyshire (including Derby City)           | 17     |
| Staffordshire                               | 6      |
| Cheshire                                    | 1      |
| Devon                                       | 1      |
| Nottinghamshire (including Nottingham City) | 13     |
| Leicestershire (including Leicester City)   | 40     |
| Lincolnshire                                | 2      |
| Newcastle                                   | 1      |
| Herefordshire                               | 1      |
| Coventry                                    | 2      |
| Rutland                                     | 5      |
| Oxfordshire                                 | 1      |
| Warwickshire                                | 4      |

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
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**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

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