FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 150/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

1. There is a legal requirement for all children to use car seats until the age of 12 years old or 135cm (whichever comes first).

a. With the exclusion of provision made for school transport, does the local authority provide specialist car seats to children with disabilities?

Answer:
Transport operations provide standard car seats only on all routes carried out.

b. Again, excluding provision made for school transport, in the financial year 2017/18 how many specialist car seats were provided by the local authority to children with disabilities?

Answer:
Rutland County Council do not supply any specialist car seats for any kind of journey.

2. The Children Act 1989 requires local authorities to keep a register of disabled children in their area.

a. Does the local authority have an active register?

Answer:
Yes, the Aiming High register.

b. How many disabled children are on that register?

Answer:
258
c. What other sources does the local authority use to count and plan budgets for disabled children?

Answer:
The service uses demographic data from the Joint Needs Assessment and also case
level data on the number and profile of need, of cases open and active in the service. This will include number of requests for assessments and the number of Education, Health and Care Plans. The service will also review regularly the number of children in receipt of social care packages of care and are Children in Need as well as monitor the number of children in receipt of Special Educational Needs Support in school.

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