**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

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Response: 13 September 2023

**Question 1 -** **as woodside group, an organisation specialising in the education of students with autism, we are currently in the process of planning and forecasting our future initiatives. In order to better understand the trends and changes in the educational landscape, we kindly request your assistance in providing us with the year-to-year statistics of the total number of students with education, health, and care (EHC) plans that you have recorded for the period spanning from 2018 to 2023.**

**Having access to this information would greatly aid us in analysing the growth and demand for specialised education services in our targeted regions. It would enable us to tailor our programs and allocate our resources more effectively, ensuring that we continue to provide the best possible support to students with autism.**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information.

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| **Year** | **No. EHCPs** |
| Jul-18 | 8536 |
| Jul-19 | 9183 |
| Jul-20 | 9768 |
| Jul-21 | 10,824 |
| Jul-22 | 11,275 |
| Jul-23 | 12,193 |

Further information can be found - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/education-health-and-care-plans-england-2023>

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