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**1.How much money did the council spend on SEND tribunal appeals during each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024. Depending on what information the council records, this should preferably include tribunal appeals that did not ultimately reach a formal tribunal hearing. Re “spend” in question 1, I am looking for the total costs associated with processing and defending SEND appeals and tribunal hearings, including legal costs such as instructing external solicitors, commissioning expert witnesses etc.**

See Table below, which includes all appeal related costs, including those that did not reach a formal tribunal hearing.

**2. How many appeals were registered with the SEND tribunal in each of the following calendar years in relation to decisions made by the council: 2022, 2023, 2024?**

See Table below

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|  |  | Tribunal Notification date | Spend |
| 01/04/2021 | 31/03/2022 | 24 | £98,414 |
| 01/04/2022 | 31/03/2023 | 40 | £94,170 |
| 01/04/2023 | 31/03/2024 | 99 | £229,242 |

**3.How many appeals registered with the SEND tribunal did the council concede prior to a formal tribunal hearing taking place in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

The report does not record this information.

**4. How many times did the SEND tribunal rule in favour of the council in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024?**

The report does not state whether the SEND Tribunal favours the council or appellant.

**5. How many times did the SEND tribunal rule against the council in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024?**

The report does not state whether it favours the council or appellant.

**“SEND tribunal” refers to the Special Educational Needs and Disability First Tier Tribunal. This is an independent national tribunal which decides appeals against local authority decisions about the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of children and young people.**