



South Tyneside Council

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Date: 1st March 2013
Our Ref: FOI 13 12124

Dear Ms Nicholson

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on 3rd January 2013.

I sincerely apologise for the delay in providing you with this information.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

Please could you tell me the amount spent on home education services for the academic year 2011-12? I would be grateful if you could itemise staff costs, administrative/secretarial support costs, and also the total spend on provision of services for home educated children and young people.

Council's Response

We can confirm the following information with regards your request above.

Below is a breakdown South Tyneside Council's expenditure on Home Education Tuition in the financial year 2011/12 (it was not possible to accurately split the costs by academic year).

Direct Staffing costs	£54,408
Indirect – admin support	£13,966
Other costs	£6,393
Total 11/12	£74,767

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

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If you have any further queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us on (0191) 424 6539, or by emailing foi@southtyneside.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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