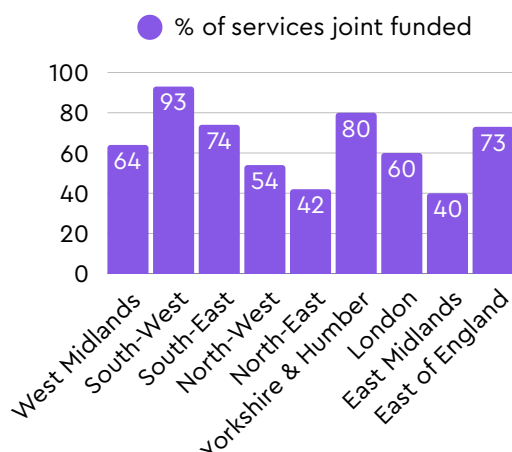
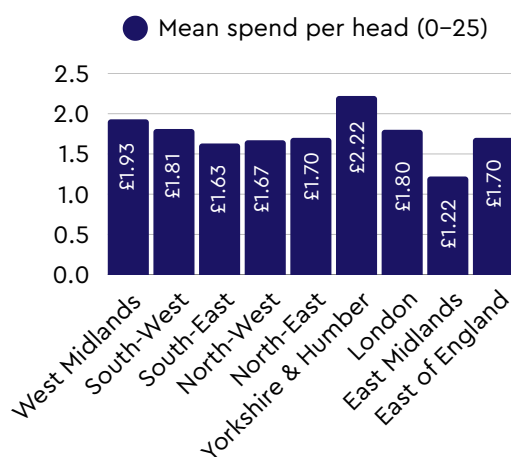
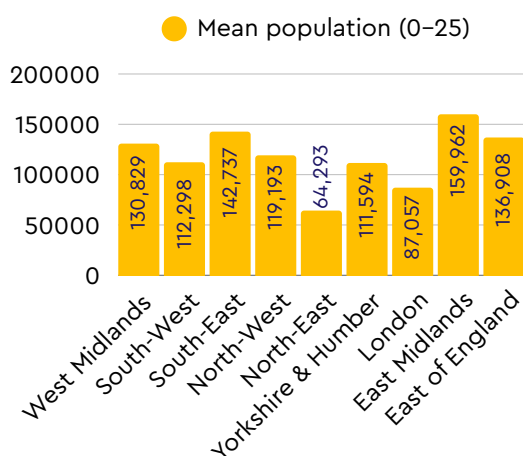
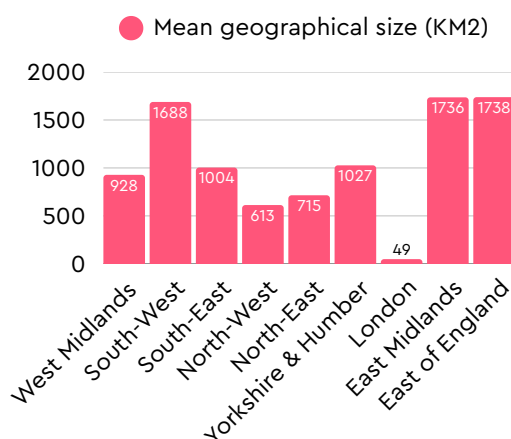
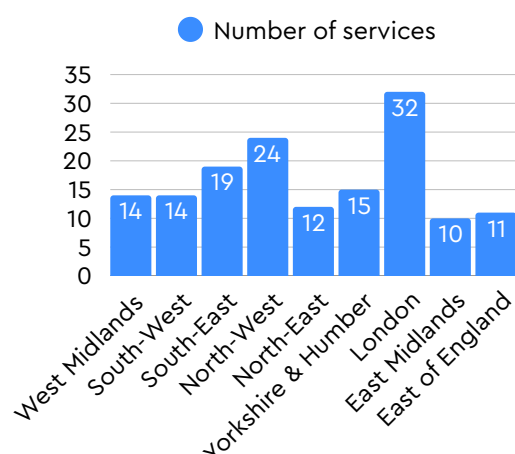


Funding, Casework and Staffing Data Report (2025-26)

This report is one of three key reports providing a national picture of SENDIAS services. The other two are our Service User Feedback Report and the Minimum Standards Benchmarking report.

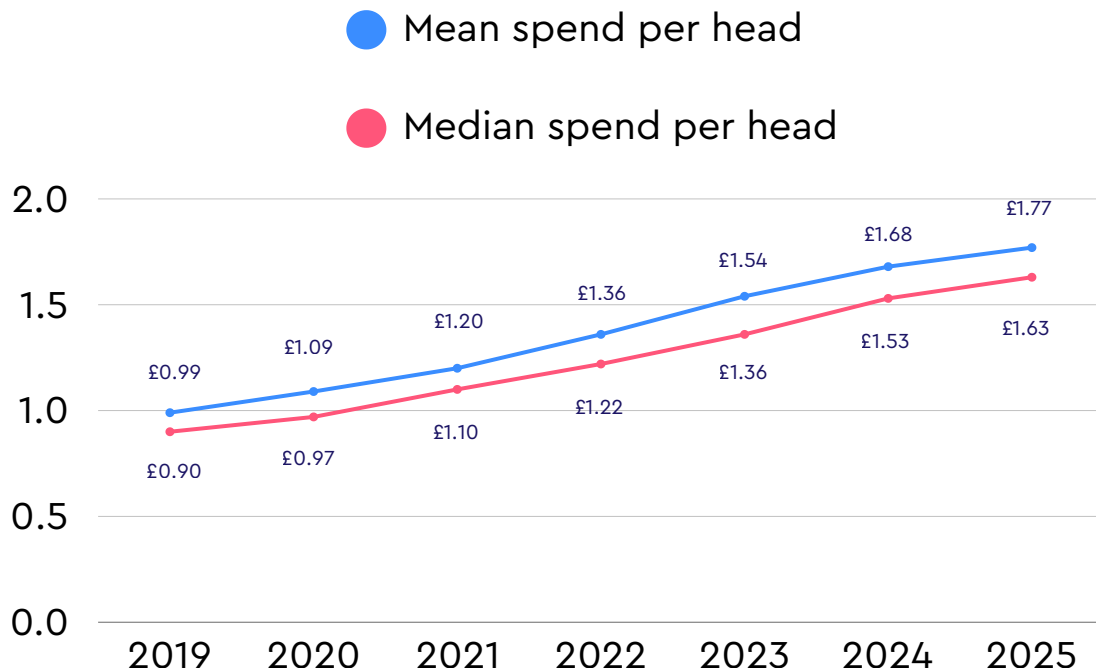
Regional overview



	Mean across all services
Number of services	17
Mean geographical size (KM2)	832
Mean population (0-25)	111,784
Mean spend per head (0-25)	£1.77
% of services joint funded	70%

Funding per head

Funding per head of the 0-25 Population



Funding per head percentage change



Percentage change
from 2023-2025

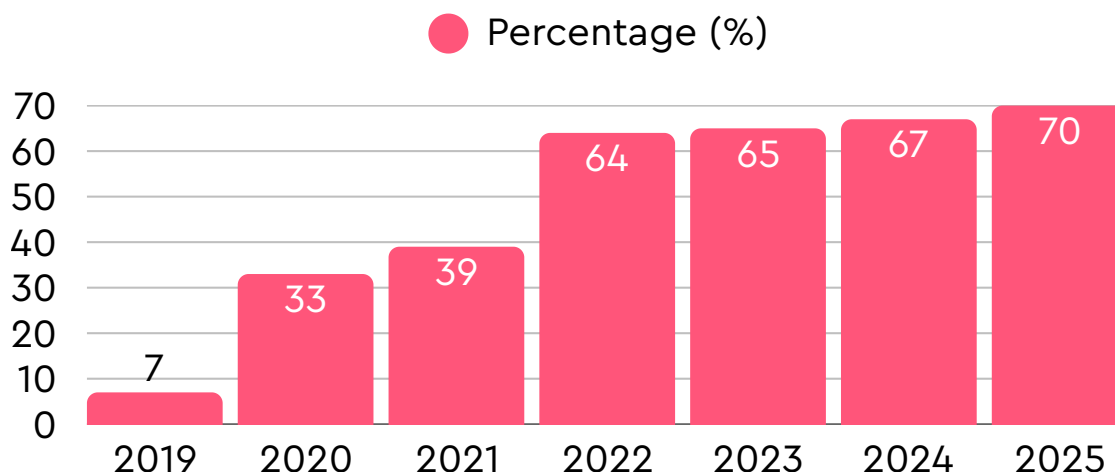


Percentage change
from 2019-2025

For funding to have gone up on average by 12% is positive and shows the recognition of the importance of the work services do alongside the rising national profile including Ofsted/CQC reporting.

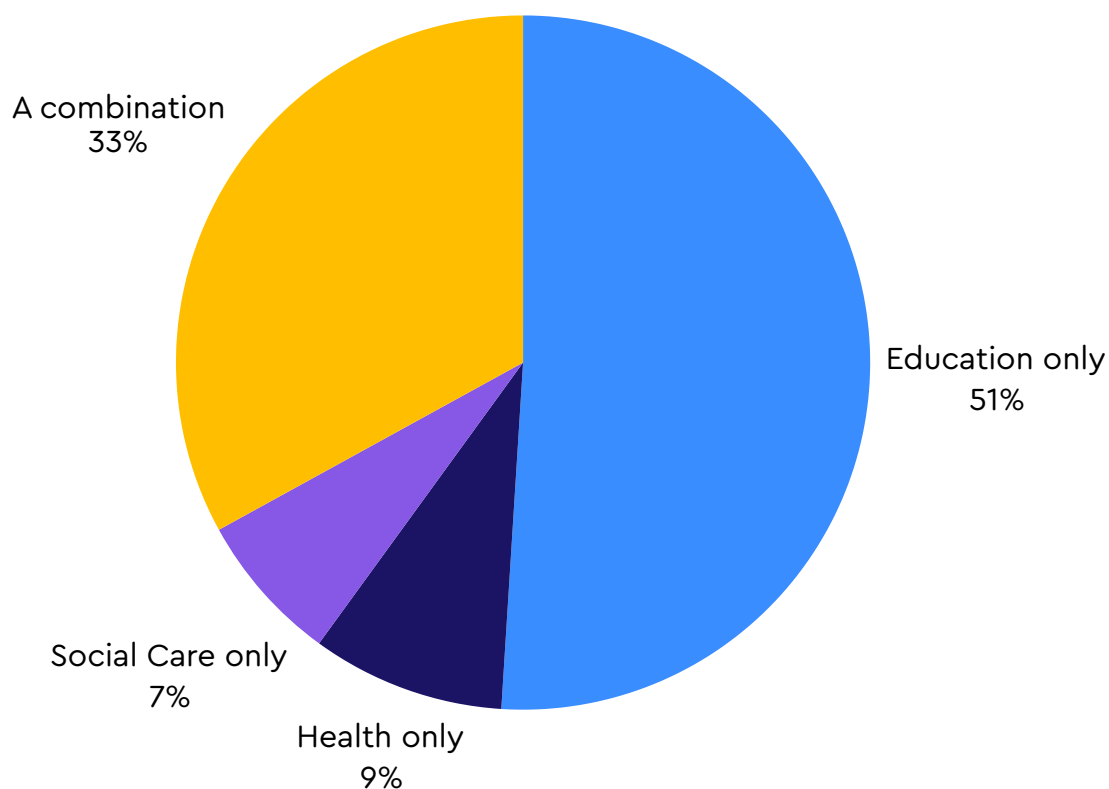
Joint commissioning

Percentage of services Joint funded



SENDIAS services providing IAS across education, health and social care

Reason for self-referral



Children, young people and their families seeking information advice and support on education only makes up around half of all reasons for self-referral. This suggests that services are meeting the requirements set out in chapter 2.1 of the code of practice.

The three main reasons for children, young people or their families seeking IAS were recorded by services as follows:



Seeking IAS with regards to appealing local authority decisions



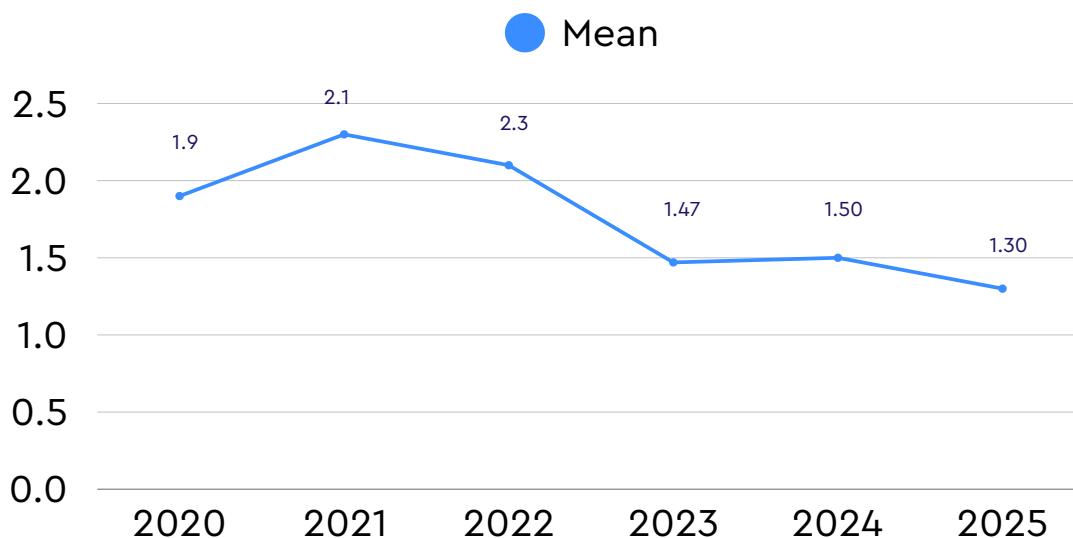
Seeking IAS regarding Education, Health and Care plans including EHC needs assessments, the content of a plan and in particular, the named placement



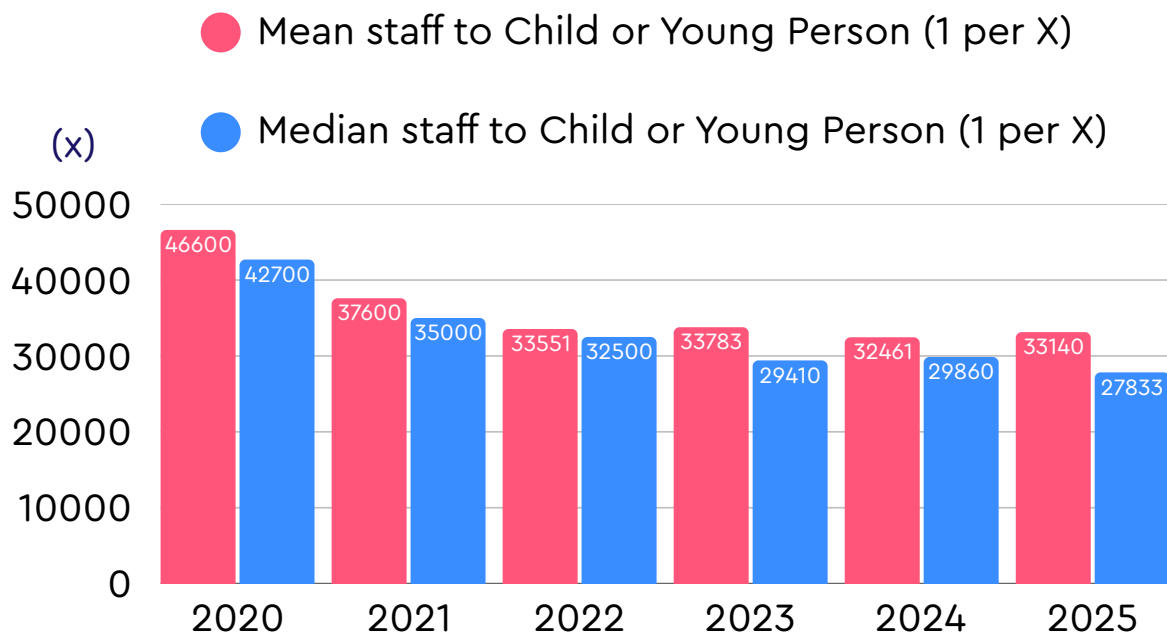
Seeking IAS with regards to SEN support

Staffing and volunteers

Average numbers of Volunteers across services



Staffing per head of 0-25 population



There are currently 555.36 Full time
Equivalent staff roles across SENDIASS

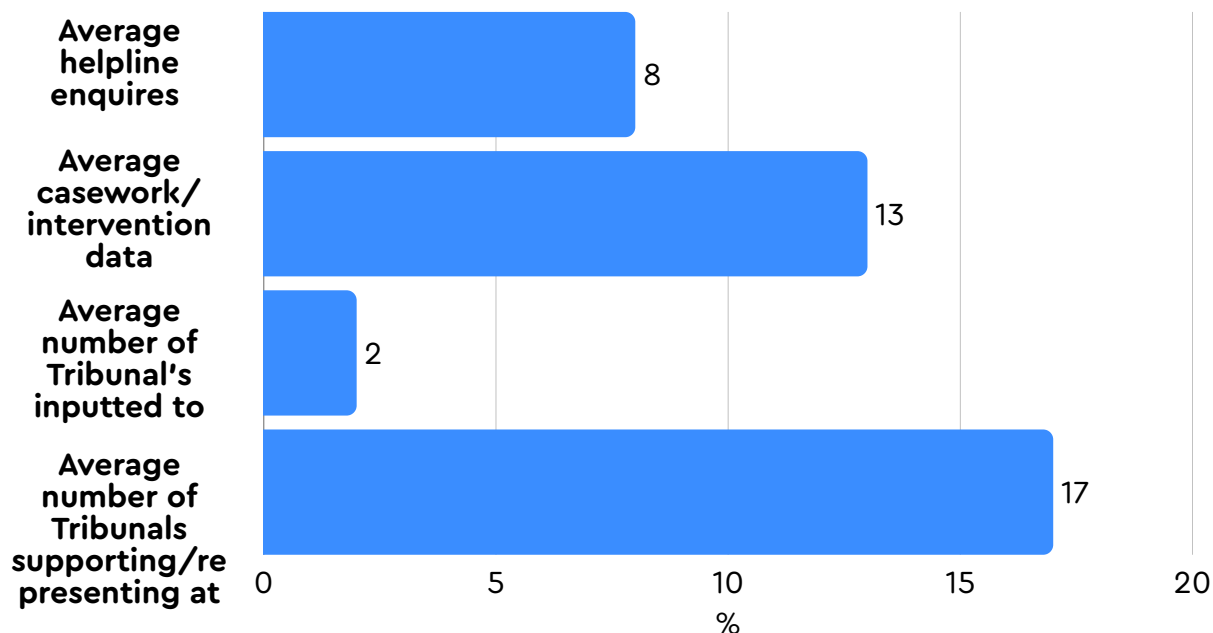
In-house and outsourced

Comparing in-house and out-sourced services 2025

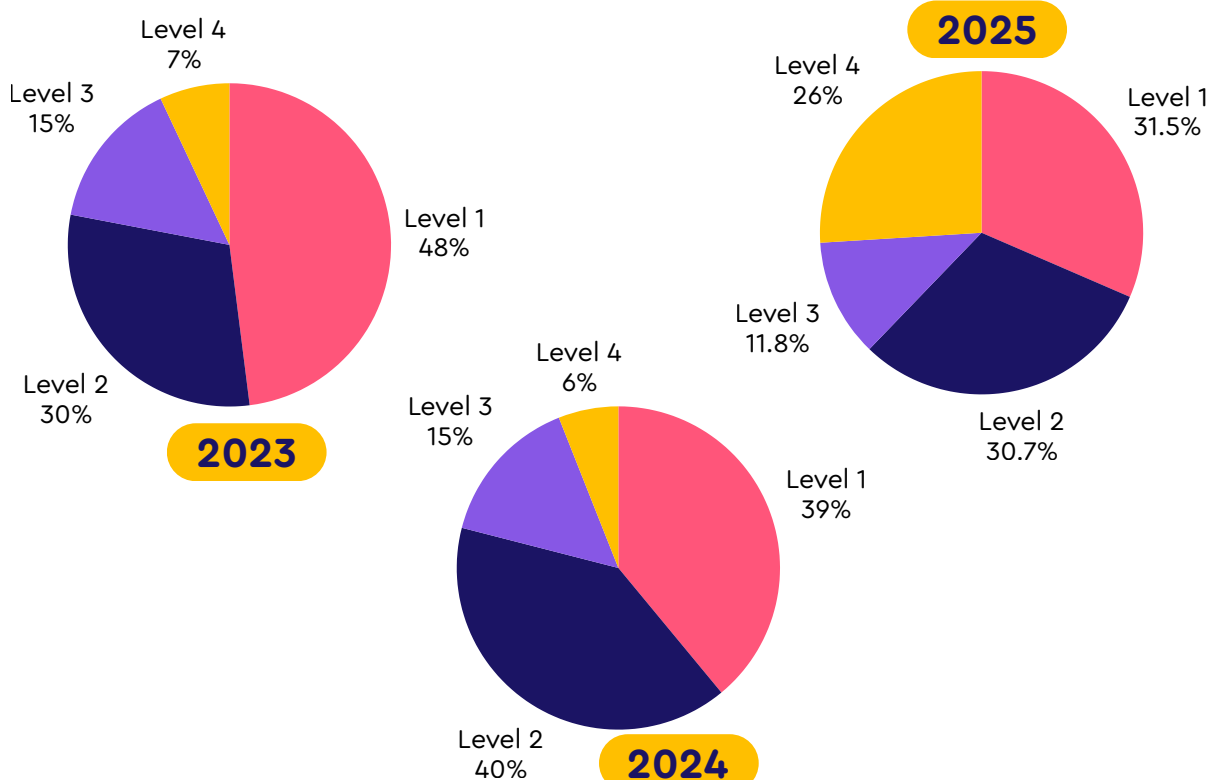
	In-House	Outsourced	Total/Average
% of services	71%	29%	100%
Mean spend per head	£2	£1.40	£1.77
Median spend per head	£1.82	£1.30	£1.63
Range spend per head	76p-£5.20	31p-£3.38	£0.31-£5.25
Mean staff to population	One per 30,459	One per 37,928	One per 33,140

Casework/ interventions and tribunal

Casework/ interventions and Tribunal per SENDIASS



Intervention levels – what percentage of all casework/ interventions is being done on each level.



Tribunal avoidance

Amount SENDIAS services have saved LA's via tribunal avoidance in 2025

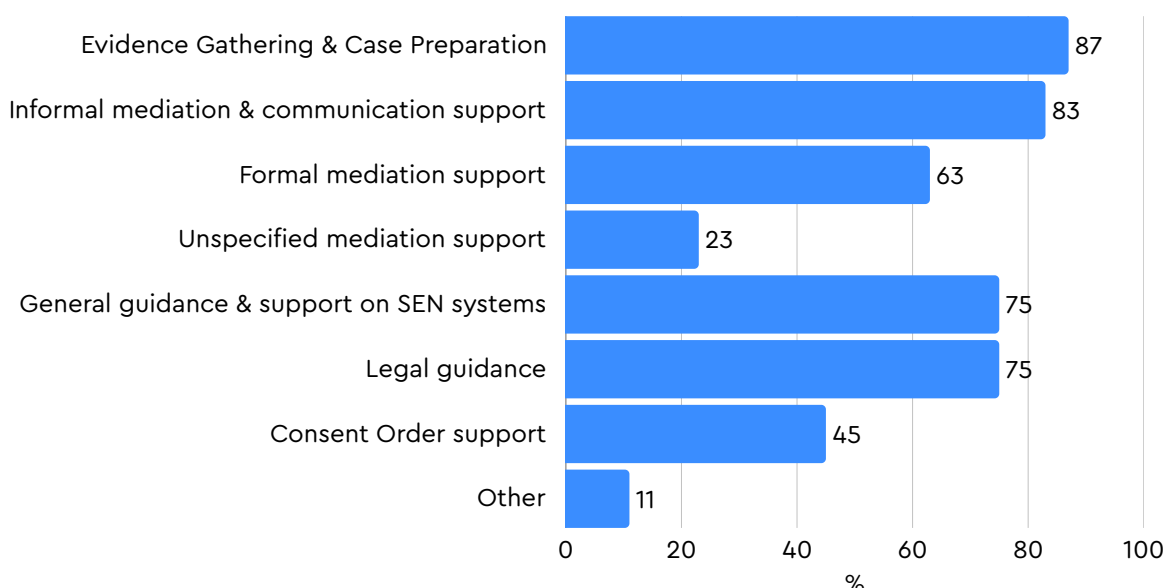


According to evidence given in the CEDAR report, SENDIAS services have this year saved LAs between £27,482,000 - £86,372,000 on Tribunal avoidance alone



Taking the [Guardians'](#) more recent analysis, SENDIAS services have saved LA's £66,500,000 a year.

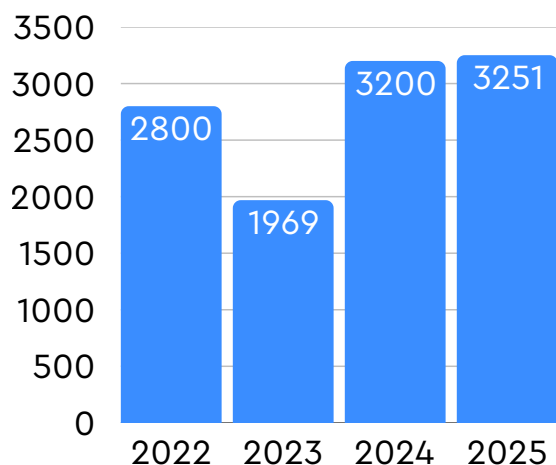
Breakdown of reasons behind services role in reducing the need for Tribunal



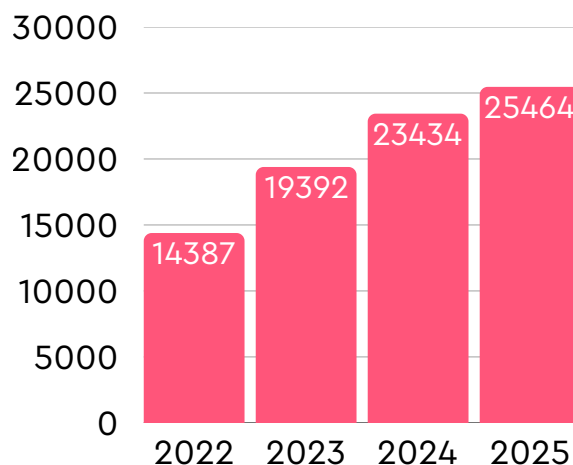
Other included: Holding DR meetings between families and the LA; Awareness of and signposting to sources of help. Maintaining a good relationship with other teams; Telephone case management; Directing people to relevant sections of the website, assisting parents with compiling relevant evidence and completing paperwork etc.

Social media and other reach

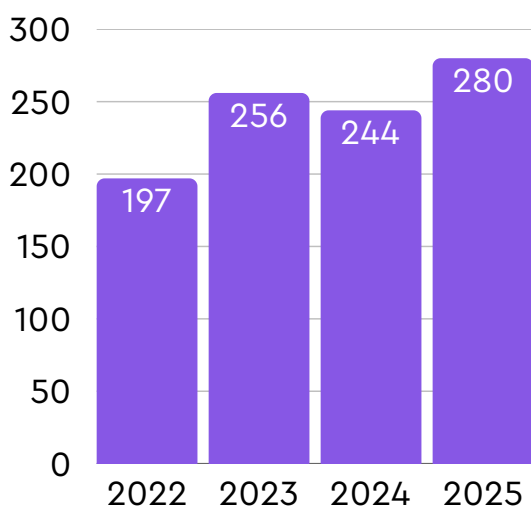
Average Facebook engagement



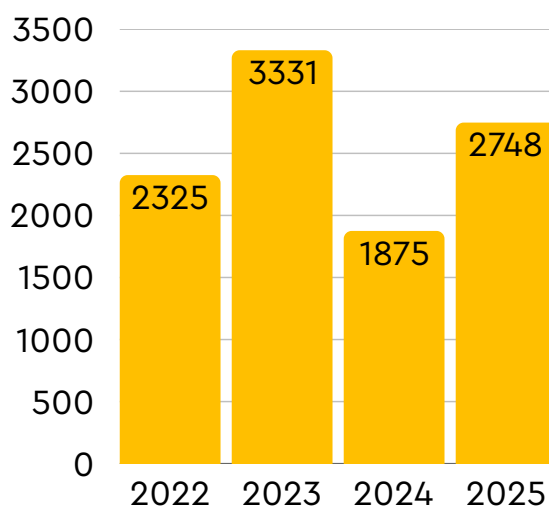
Average website hits



Average number of parents and/or professionals attending a training session over the last twelve months



Average number of resource downloads from websites



If you have any questions, please contact the Information Advice and Support Services Network



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