

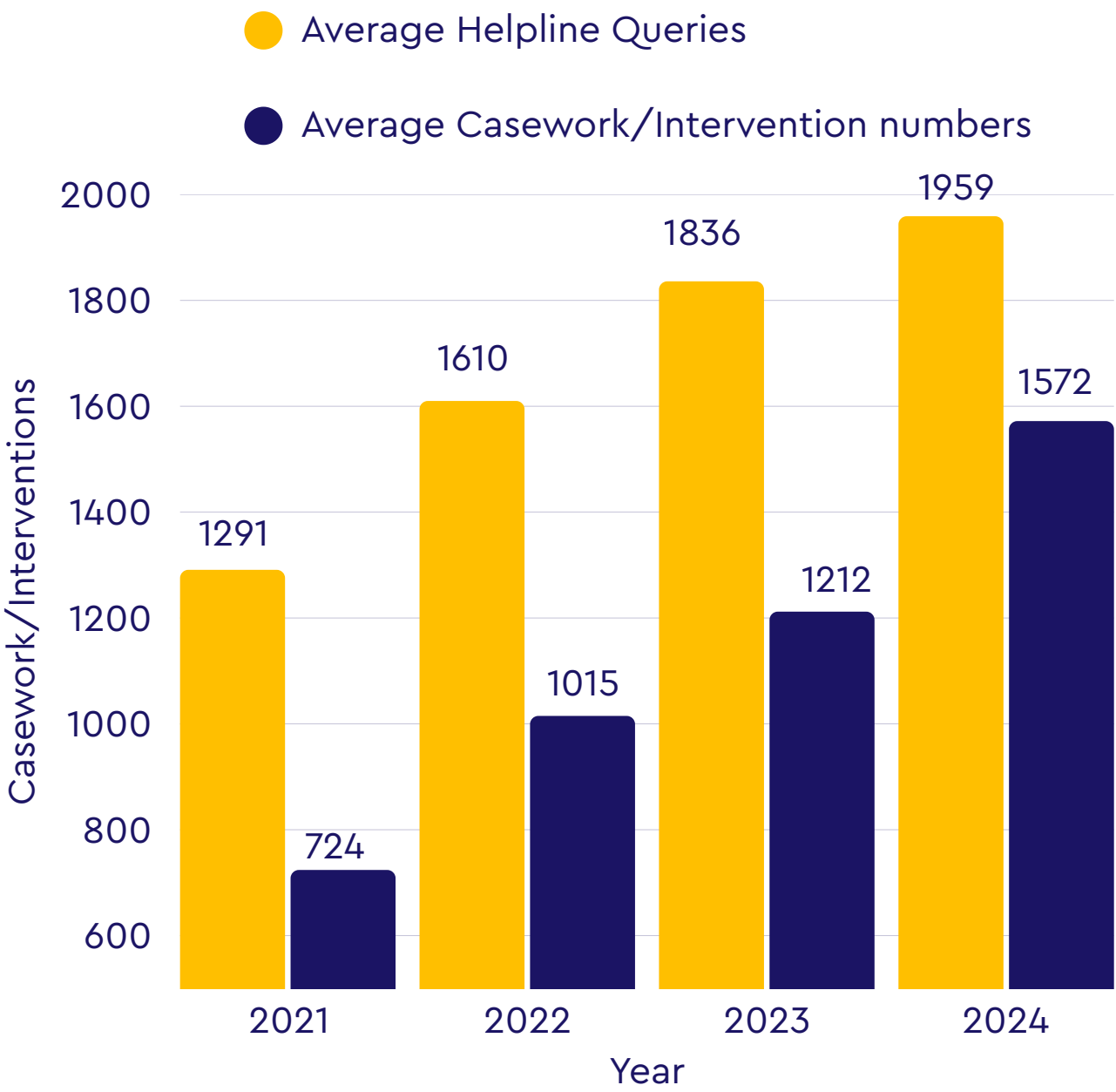
SEND Tribunal Overview

Snapshot of data regarding SENDIAS services and the SEND Tribunal



Supporting children, young people and families 'when things go wrong' including before, during and after a SEND Tribunal, is a statutory part of the role of SENDIAS services as detailed in chapter 2.19 of the SEND Code of Practice.

Casework/Interventions and tribunals per service since 2021



	% Increase 2023-24	% Increase since collecting data (2019)
Average helpline enquiries	7%	192%
Average casework/ intervention numbers	29%	351%

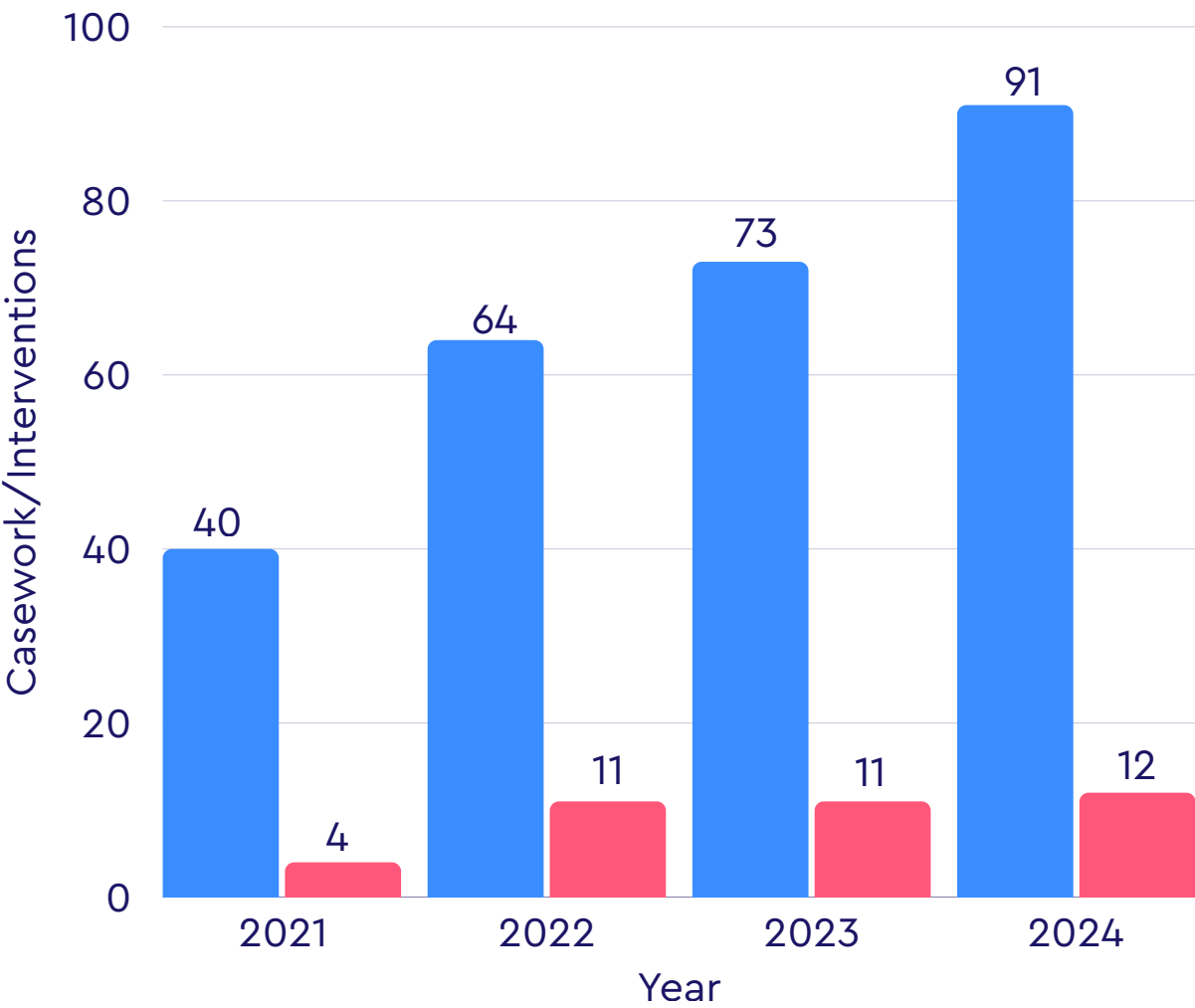


Average number of Tribunals that Services gave information/ advice/ support on (Intervention Levels 1 to 3).



Average number of Tribunals that services directly supported/ represented parents and/ or children and young people at (Intervention Level 4).

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	% Increase 2023-24	% Increase since collecting data (2019)
Average number of Tribunals that services gave information/ advice/ support regarding (Levels 1 to 3)	24%	128%
Average number of Tribunals that services directly supported/ represented parents and/ or children and young people at (Level 4)	9%	200%



Total number of SEND Tribunals in 2024:

21,106

% of Tribunals
services gave Level 1
to 3 support to

65%

13741 out of 21106
Tribunals

% of Tribunals
services gave Level 4
support to

9%

1812 out of 21106
Tribunals



48
Average
number of
Tribunals
SENDIAS
services self-
report they
help avoid



£8500
How much The
Guardian
report
estimated as a
single Tribunal
cost



SENDIAS
services have
therefore
potentially
saved LAs over
£61 million in
Tribunal costs
alone



The combined
cost of every
SENDIAS
service is
around £24
million per
annum



The total cost of all SENDIAS service budgets combined in 2024-25 was £24,226,806. SENDIAS services save local authorities approximately 2.5 times the amount these services cost.

Tribunal Avoidance - Key themes

We asked SENDIAS services to give more detail on how their work supporting early resolution helped avoid Tribunals. We took the replies from the 125 services who completed that question and identified themes.

Theme	No. of services that included theme in their response	% of 125 services
Informal mediation and communication support	64	51.2%
Formal mediation support	48	38.4%
General guidance and support on SEN systems	34	27.2%
Evidence gathering and case preparation	19	15.2%
Legal guidance	8	6.4%
Consent Order support	4	3.2%
Unspecified mediation support	3	2.4%
Unspecified/ categorical data	3	2.4%