



# AEHEP FOI Request

In Summer of 2021, Educational Freedom send this FOI Request to all Local Authorities:

Dear Local Authority,

There are no membership fees

All meetings were virtual due to the pandemic

- 1) How many members of your Education Welfare/Elective Home Education Department staff are members of the Association of Elective Home Education Professionals (AEHEP)?
- 2) Are membership fees payable to AEHEP (i) individually; (ii) corporately?  
How much was paid over the past 12 months?
- 3) How many attendances have those staff members made at AEHEP meetings within the previous 12 months (i) face to face; (ii) virtually?
- 4) What is the total direct cost of staff attendance at AEHEP meetings in the previous 12 months?
- 5) What is the total time spent by members of LA staff in attending AEHEP meetings, combined with time spent dealing with any other matter relating to the AEHEP?

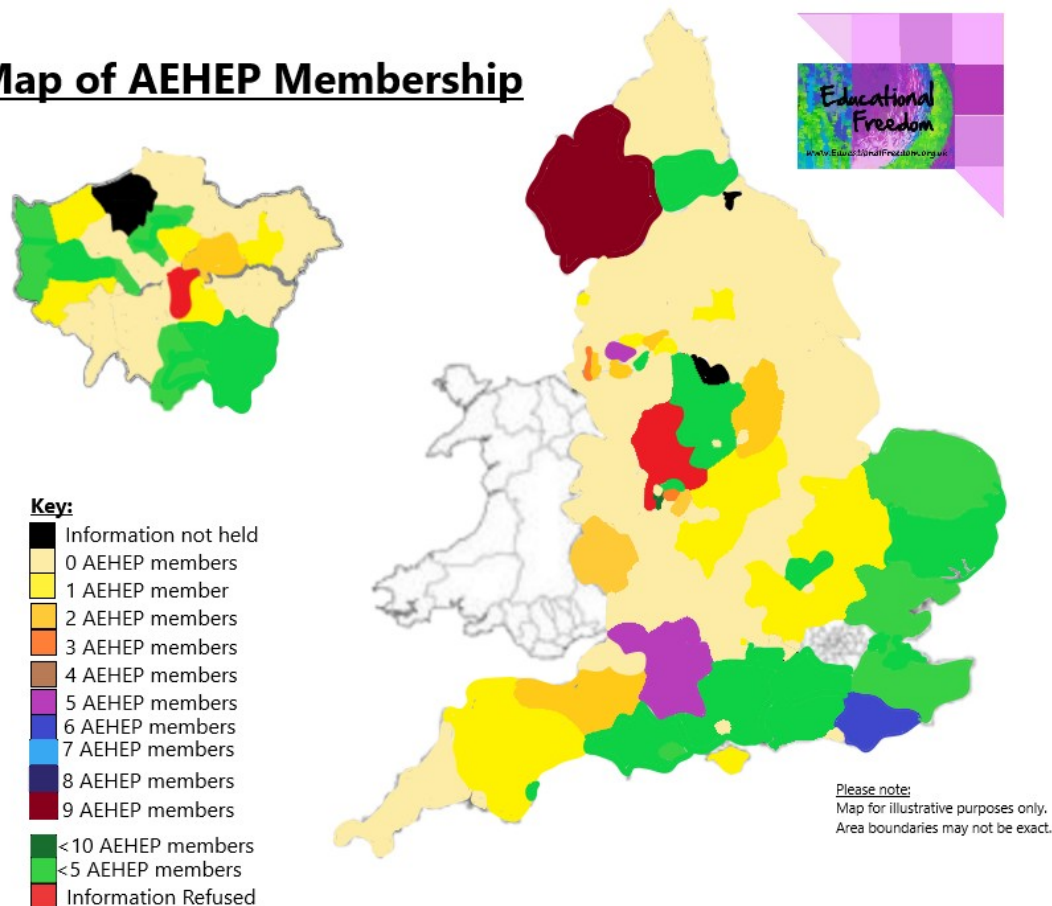
Yours faithfully,

Liz Jenkins  
Educational Freedom

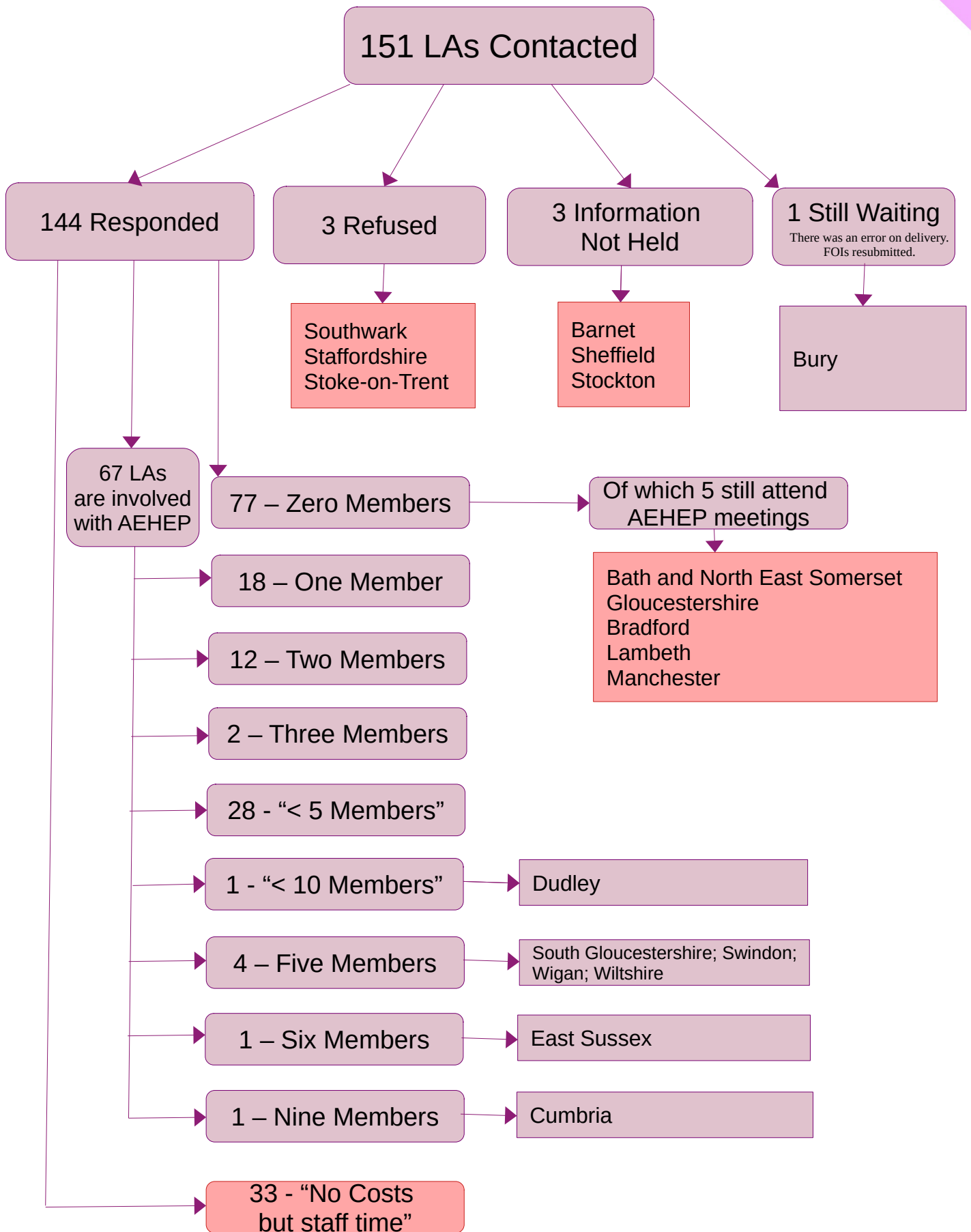
This document summarises the responses.

Individual responses can be viewed on <https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/>.

## Map of AEHEP Membership



# AEHEP FOI Request Raw Data



# AEHEP FOI Request Calculations



## Number of Members of AEHEP

- 83 staff are members of AEHEP across all LAs
- 5 LAs say they have zero members, but attend AEHEP meetings

Local Authority	Number of Meetings	Number of Hours
Bath and North East Somerset	1	3
Bradford	2	4
Gloucestershire	9	27
Lambeth	1	1.5
Manchester	1	4

- 28 LAs state they have “< 5” members of the AEHEP  
Number of members of AEHEP can range from 28 – 112
- 1 LA states they have “< 10” members of the AEHEP  
Number of members of AEHEP can range from 1 – 9

**Total members from raw data: 112 – 204**

## Costs to LAs of AEHEP Membership

- 16 LAs did not attend any AEHEP meetings in 2020, so they have been excluded from this calculation.
- Derbyshire refused to give any information beyond “< 5 members” of AEHEP; so has been excluded from this calculation.
- Portsmouth have “<5 members” and have attended 3 meetings in 2020, but does not know the length of them, so has been excluded from this calculation.
- From Raw Data – 402.5 hours were spent in AEHEP meetings
- Cost of Staff to LAs = £25/hr
- Cost of Staff attending AEHEP meetings = £10,062.50

However, the FOI responses did not specify how many staff members attend each meeting.

If every member of AEHEP from each LA attended every meeting,

- 534.5-1131.5 man-hours spent in meetings
- Cost of Staff attending AEHEP meetings = £13,362.50 - £28,287.50

- **Total costs from Raw Data = £1,484.43**
- **33 LAs say there was no cost except staff time**
- **Actual Costs could exceed £28,000**