

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

5 March 2026
Our ref: 16630676

Thank you for your request received on 16 February 2026, for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the number of SEND Tribunal appeals registered during each of the following academic years where the child was recorded as a Looked After Child at the time the appeal was registered:

- * 1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021**
- * 1 September 2021 - 31 August 2022**
- * 1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023**
- * 1 September 2023 - 31 August 2024**
- * 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025**

If the information is held in a disaggregated format, please provide totals only. I would prefer to receive the information electronically.

If any part of this request requires clarification, please let me know.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

After conducting searches of the information currently accessible to us, we are only able to provide data covering approximately the last two years. Within that period, we identified the following cases relating to Looked After Children and SEND Tribunal appeals:

- One case where the subject became Looked After during the course of the appeal.
- One case where a Looked After Child had already lodged an appeal against another local authority, then moved into Barnet, after which Barnet became the respondent. The subject then moved out before the appeal concluded, and Barnet was subsequently removed as the respondent.
- One case where the subject became Looked After, after the conclusion of the hearing.

Based on the information we have access to, we do not hold disaggregated or aggregate data by academic year for the full period requested.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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