

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

5 March 2026
Our ref: 16672525

Thank you for your request received on 20 February 2026, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the information below relating to households with dependent children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and who have been accepted as homeless and/or placed in Temporary Accommodation by the authority.

If exact figures cannot be provided, please supply the nearest available data or confirm that the information is not held. Aggregate data only is requested; no personal data is sought.

1.

a. For the last year, please supply the number of households with dependent children placed in Temporary Accommodation;

b. For the last year, please supply the number of those households known to include at least one child with an EHCP.

c. If the authority does not routinely record whether homeless households include children with EHCPs, please confirm this and explain where (if at all) this information would be recorded within housing needs assessments or homelessness systems.

2.

a. For the last year, please supply the number of households with children - with no EHCPs - were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area.

b. For the last year, please supply the number of households with children - with one or more EHCPs - were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area.

3. Please confirm whether the authority routinely records information on children's SEN or EHCPs when completing Section 208 notifications?

4. When a household with a child who has an EHCP is placed in Temporary Accommodation, including out of area:

a. what procedures are in place to notify the current and new SEND service; and

b. what procedures are in place to ensure transfer and continuity of EHCP provision in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.

5. Does the authority record or monitor whether children with EHCPs experience any interruption or delay to the provision specified in their EHCP following placement in Temporary Accommodation?

If yes, please describe the monitoring approach.

6. Does the authority have a policy or protocol for maintaining or funding hometoschool transport for children with EHCPs who are placed out of area due to homelessness?

7. Are housing suitability assessments adapted or given additional consideration where a household includes a child with an EHCP or other SEN? Please provide a brief description of any such adjustments or guidance.

8. What training (if any) is mandatory for housing officers in relation to:

- a. SEND and EHCPs;**
- b. safeguarding children.**

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

1.a. For the last year, please supply the number of households with dependent children placed in Temporary Accommodation;

b. For the last year, please supply the number of those households known to include at least one child with an EHCP.

c. If the authority does not routinely record whether homeless households include children with EHCPs, please confirm this and explain where (if at all) this information would be recorded within housing needs assessments or homelessness systems.

This data is not held by the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Assessments and Placements Team. The SEN Assessments and Placements Team does not hold this information. While the service maintains records of children with EHCPs, the case management system does not record whether a child's home address is temporary or permanent.

It is held by Barnet Homes, who manage homelessness services on behalf of the Council.

FOI requests to Barnet Homes can be made

at: <https://www.barnethomes.org/contact-us/freedom-of-information-requests/>

2.a. For the last year, please supply the number of households with children - with no EHCPs - were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area.

This information is held by Barnet Homes. FOI requests to Barnet Homes can be made at: <https://www.barnethomes.org/contact-us/freedom-of-information-requests/>

b. For the last year, please supply the number of households with children - with one or more EHCPs - were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area.

The SEN Assessments and Placements Team does not hold this information. The team's systems do not record whether a child's address is temporary and out-of-borough.

3. Please confirm whether the authority routinely records information on children's SEN or EHCPs when completing Section 208 notifications?

The SEN Assessments and Placements Team does not record this information. Section 208 homelessness notifications are the responsibility of Barnet Homes. FOI requests to Barnet Homes can be made at: <https://www.barnethomes.org/contact-us/freedom-of-information-requests/>

4. When a household with a child who has an EHCP is placed in Temporary Accommodation, including out of area:

a. what procedures are in place to notify the current and new SEND service; and

Where a child with an EHCP moves address, the Council follows the statutory requirements set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice (2015). If a family moves permanently out of the area, the originating local authority must transfer the EHCP to the new authority. Temporary accommodation placements do not automatically trigger an EHCP transfer unless the placement meets the criteria for a permanent move.

b. what procedures are in place to ensure transfer and continuity of EHCP provision in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.

In accordance with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014, local authorities must ensure that the provision specified in an EHCP continues to be delivered. Where a child moves, the Council works with education settings and relevant services to maintain or re-establish provision as required.

5. Does the authority record or monitor whether children with EHCPs experience any interruption or delay to the provision specified in their EHCP following placement in Temporary Accommodation?

The Council does not record or monitor whether children with EHCPs experience interruption or delay to provision specifically as a result of being placed in Temporary Accommodation.

6. Does the authority have a policy or protocol for maintaining or funding home to school transport for children with EHCPs who are placed out of area due to homelessness?

The SEN Team does not hold homelessness-related transport data; general SEND transport eligibility is determined in line with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy.

7. Are housing suitability assessments adapted or given additional consideration where a household includes a child with an EHCP or other SEN?

The SEN Assessments and Placements Team does not hold this information. Housing suitability assessments, including any consideration of additional needs, are undertaken by Barnet Homes.

8. What training (if any) is mandatory for housing officers in relation to:

a. SEND and EHCPs;

b. safeguarding children.

The SEN Assessments and Placements Team does not hold records of training undertaken by housing officers.

Please request this information from Barnet Homes, who employ housing officers: <https://www.barnethomes.org/contact-us/freedom-of-information-requests/>

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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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.