

14 June 2019
Our ref: 5361729

Thank you for your request received on 3 June 2019, for the following information:

In accordance with the FOI act I would like to request the following information regarding Education, Health and Care Plans and the assessments required to get one.

How many requests for Education Health and Care Plan Assessments have there been for the following time periods? 2019- To date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Of these how many requests for assessments were approved? (again for the following time periods 2019- To date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)

How many Education, Health and Care Plans were completed within the 20 week target time? (again for the following time periods 2019- To date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)

How many people are waiting for an Education Health and Care Plan Assessment right now?

What was the longest wait for an EHCP plan to be finished as measured from the initial assessment request to delivery of the plan during the request time period? (2014- to date)

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

Response

1, How many requests for Education Health and Care Plan Assessments have there been for the following time periods? 2019- To date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Please note this information is collected in academic years.

2014/15 - 197
2015/16 - 352
2016/17 - 417
2017/18 – 467
2018 to date: 387

2, Of these how many requests for assessments were approved? (again for the following time periods 2019- To date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)

Please note this information is collected in academic years.

2014/15: 154
2015/16 : 274

2016/17 : 252
2017/18 : 286
2018 to date: 229

3, How many Education, Health and Care Plans were completed within the 20 week target time? (again for the following time periods 2019- To date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)

Please note that these figures do not include assessments in which a EHCP was not issued.

2014/15 - 36
2015/16 - 128
2016/17 - 229
2017/18 – 199
2018 to date: 81

4, How many people are waiting for an Education Health and Care Plan Assessment right now?

26 awaiting assessment

5, What was the longest wait for an EHCP plan to be finished as measured from the initial assessment request to delivery of the plan during the request time period? (2014- to date)

We have withheld this information as to reveal it may lead to a child being identified. We consider that this information is exempt under section 40 of FOIA. Please see the refusal notice below.

See Refusal Notice below

Refusal Notice

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The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness

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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