

31 July 2019
Our ref: 5436228

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

- 1. The number of initial requests that were made for assessment for an EHC plan during the 2018 calendar year. The council may refer me to the government's SEN 2 data if it is satisfied with the accuracy of the published figure.**
- 2. Of the number of initial requests for assessment for an EHC plan during the 2018 calendar year (i.e. the question 1 figure), how many requests for assessment were refused? This question excludes requests made during the 2017 calendar year that were refused during the 2018 calendar year, but includes requests made during the 2018 calendar year that have been refused during the 2019 calendar year. I leave it to the council's discretion as to whether the SEN 2 figures satisfy these parameters.**
- 3. Of the number of initial requests that were made for assessment for an EHC plan during the 2018 calendar year (i.e. the question 1 figure), how many have resulted in EHC plans being made (including plans made during the 2019 calendar year)? Please note the SEN 2 figures do not provide this data - SEN 2 shows the number of ECH plans that were made during the 2018 calendar year, not 2019, and regardless of the year in which the request for an assessment was made.**
- 4. Of the number of initial requests that were made for assessment for an EHC plan during the 2018 calendar year (i.e. the question 1 figure), how many requests have yet to be decided upon (or are yet to have an ECH plan made, where the need for a plan has been agreed)? Please note the SEN 2 figures do not provide this data - the SEN 2 figures measure the outcomes of those assessments that took place during the 2018 calendar year**
If responding to question 4 would take this request over the section 12 cost limit, please exclude question 4 and process the remainder of this request. If responding to questions 1-3 would still take this request over the section 12 cost limit, please exclude questions 1-4 in their entirety and process the remainder of this request.
- 5. The monetary value of the council's High Needs Block allocation from the government each year in 2018/19 and 2019/20.**
Question 5 excludes any transfer of funds by the council from other parts of the DSG into the High Needs Block (or vice versa).
The forecast 2019/20 figures for the following questions 6-8 should be those forecast at the start of the financial year (e.g. as part of annual budget-setting), not forecasts produced by in-year revenue monitoring.
- 6. The monetary value of the council's actual High Needs Block expenditure each financial year for 2018/19 and forecast for 2019/20.**
- 7. The monetary value of the council's overspend or underspend (please**

specify) on its High Needs Block in 2018/19 and forecast for 2019/20.

8. The monetary value of transfers (a) to the council's High Needs expenditure from other parts of the council's DSG allocation, and (b) from the council's High Needs Block allocation to other parts of the council's DSG expenditure, in 2018/19 and forecast for 2019/20.

9. Any proposals the council has adopted or is considering adopting to reduce (or limit increases in) its High Needs expenditure in 2019/20, including (but not limited to) mitigating action to tackle forecast High Needs Block overspends, or changes to eligibility for or provision or staffing of special needs education, or restrictions to eligibility for or provision of special needs education transport services.

10. Does the council use a banding system to allocate resources for special needs 'top up' funding?

If the answer to question 10 is 'no', please ignore questions 11-14.

11. Has the council changed the value or criteria of its banding system since April 2017? If so, please provide a copy of the impact assessment for the change.

If the answer to question 11 is 'no', p

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

Response

Please note that it is not possible to provide the information in the format you have requested. Please see attached document.

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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