

19 August 2019  
Our ref: 5557380

Thank you for your request received on 15 August 2019, for the following information:

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**I am currently working to understand the nature and provision of restrictive interventions, as used with children, and training programmes that relate to such interventions.**

**I am seeking this information across all schools within your local authority and may use the information to compare practice across local authorities. It is with this in mind that I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**My questions are as follows:**

**1. Do schools in your local authority record incidents of restraint used by staff on pupils?**

**2. If yes, how many incidents of restraint were recorded in schools in your local authority in the 2018/2019 academic year? (if data is not available for this time period, please provide us with the most up-to-date statistics). If possible, please break this data down by school type:**

- a. Primary school**
- b. Secondary school**
- c. Alternative Provision school**
- d. SEND.**

**3. Do you record injuries that result from incidents of restraint in schools used by staff on pupils?**

**4. If yes, how many injuries that resulted from incidents of restraint were recorded in schools in your local authority in the 2018/2019 academic year? (if data is not available for this time period, please provide us with the most up-to-date statistics). If possible, please break this data down by school type:**

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- b. Secondary**
- c. Alternative Provision**
- d. SEND.**

**5. Do schools in your local authority have a policy in place for a Restrictive**

**Intervention Reduction Programme? Please provide a copy of or a link to the most recent policy.**

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

## **Response**

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***5. Do schools in your local authority have a policy in place for a Restrictive Intervention Reduction Programme? Please provide a copy of or a link to the most recent policy.***

This data is not collected by the Local Authority as it is no longer a requirement.

Schools record incidents of physical restraint internally, according to their individual policy. Generally, where physical restraint is included as part of a young person's behaviour management plan, incidents would be logged but not recorded in detail. A more detailed record would be expected where an incident has occurred and physical intervention has been necessary, which is not included in any plan. This record would include recording any injuries to staff or pupils. Records are retained by the schools.

Schools generally include Positive Handling as part of their internal Behaviour Policies.

Schools (including academies) are considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be public authorities in their own rights, and are subject to the FOIA in the same way as the council (albeit with different timescales to meet). It is therefore correct that the council does not hold this information, and that individual schools would need to be contacted.

Please see the link below:

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/directories/Directories.html?\\_pecid=373ac375-9115-4d18-8a58-ce6098691e0a&directoryId=54e3852a84ae7c28725849d1&list=true](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/directories/Directories.html?_pecid=373ac375-9115-4d18-8a58-ce6098691e0a&directoryId=54e3852a84ae7c28725849d1&list=true)

Team Teach, Training in Positive Handling, is available to all schools as part of our Traded Service.

### **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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