

London Borough of Barnet,  
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Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 5410228

Thank you for your request received on 21 June 2019, for the following information:

- 1. In the last financial year (2018/19) how much money did you pay to students, who attended school under your authority's responsibility, as compensation for personal injuries?**
  - 2. How many individual claims did this represent?**
  - 3. For all payments in excess of £2,000 please state the amount of compensation and a brief description of the nature of the claim, e.g. Fall from climbing frame (£2,100), Fingers trapped in door (£3,150).**
  - 4. In relation to all claims for compensation for personal injury referred to in Q.1 how many of these claims were for injuries sustained as a result of an attack or assault from another student?**
  - 5. What was the total compensation paid to students who were attacked or assaulted by fellow students?**
- Note: These 5 questions relate to compensation claims paid in 2018/19 irrespective of when the actual injury incident took place or when the claim was lodged. No details of costs and payments to solicitors are requested.**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

***1. In the last financial year (2018/19) how much money did you pay to students, who attended school under your authority's responsibility, as compensation for personal injuries?***

£80,575

***2. How many individual claims did this represent?***

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***3. For all payments in excess of £2,000 please state the amount of compensation and a brief description of the nature of the claim, e.g. Fall from climbing frame (£2,100), Fingers trapped in door (£3,150).***

£7,500 injured fingers in door;

Swaylands School was set up in 1942 and between the mid-1960s and 1994 was operated and managed by the London Borough of Barnet.

Five historic abuse claims have been settled in the period in question. £24,000 abuse (Swaylands); £5,600 abuse (Swaylands); £30,000 abuse (Swaylands); £9,875 abuse (Swaylands); £3,600 abuse (Swaylands).

***4. In relation to all claims for compensation for personal injury referred to in Q.1 how many of these claims were for injuries sustained as a result of an attack or assault from another student?***

None

***5. What was the total compensation paid to students who were attacked or assaulted by fellow students?***

Nil

### **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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