

5 November 2019

Our ref: 5753572

Thank you for your request received on 29 October 2019, for the following information:

Freedom of Information Questions

Please provide information and responses to the following requests:

1. Do you provide any specialist provision in your local authority area to meet the needs of girls who have been excluded from, or are not able to attend, mainstream education?

a. Yes / No (please select)

b. If yes, please describe what type of provision this is and who provides it.

2. In the academic year 2018 to 2019, what was the total capacity and population of pupils in pupil referrals units (PRUs) in your local authority area? Please refer to the following:

a. Total pupil capacity (numbers of spaces) in PRUs overall;

b. Total population of girls in PRUs;

c. Total population of boys in PRUs.

3. In the academic year 2018 to 2019, of the total number of students in PRUs in your local authority area, how many pupil placements ended early (i.e. placement not completed)? Please refer to:

a. Total numbers of girls, including reasons for placement ending early;

b. Total numbers of boys, including reasons for placement ending early.

4. In the academic year 2018 to 2019, how many incidents of violent behaviour between pupils (excluding sexual violence), have been recorded across all PRUs in your local authority area? Please give these figures as a total, broken down by:

a. Total number of incidents;

b. Total numbers of perpetrators by gender (Boys/Girls);

i. Boys

ii. Girls

c. Total numbers of victims by gender (please include total with no recorded victim);

i. Boys

ii. Girls

d. Nature of the incidents, and total numbers of each type of incident. If possible, please give these broken down by:

i. Total numbers of gender of perpetrator per type of incident;

ii. Total numbers of gender of victim per type of incident.

e. Total numbers of types of action taken (e.g. no further action, police attendance or safeguarding referral).

5. In the academic year 2018 to 2019, how many incidents of sexual violence and sexual harassment between pupils have been recorded across all PRUs in your local authority area? Please give these figures broken down by:

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6. Does your local authority have a policy on sexual violence, sexual harassment and sexual exploitation between pupils in pupil referral units? Please provide policies where relevant. If referring to information within a separate policy, please indicate which document and page number you are referring to.

7. What was your funding per pupil in pupil referral units for the academic years below? Please provide a separate figure for each year.

c. 2014 to 2015

d. 2018 to 2019

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

Response

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Pavillion Study Centre and Northgate School. Both PRUs are maintained by the London Borough of Barnet.

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Please note that population of pupils in PRU's is not broken down into sex/gender.

For overall population please see the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2019>

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<https://www.northgateschool.net/contact-us/>

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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.

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Please see below:

PRU place cost

Year	Northgate	Pavilion
2014/15	£10,197	£18,624
2018/19	£10,201	£18,805

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.