

14 November 2019

Our ref: 5734176

Thank you for your request received on 22 October 2019, for the following information:

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

Response

1. 14-19 Policy, strategy or corporate plans or similar

1a) Your latest strategy (or similar documents) specifically for 14-19-year-olds and their provision in education or any other service within the last three years and the most recent three (3) if these are available. I.e. no more than 3 docs

Attached are the latest Education Strategy, which includes post-16/14-19 and a document on our Risk of NEET programme, a key part of our 14-19 work.

1b) Any statistical analysis which you publish or produce for members as a separate document on the needs of 14-19-year-olds pertaining to their education, welfare or other needs within the last three (3) years or the most recent three (3) . I.e. no more than 3 docs

Attached is the latest report (and appendix) on Education Standards in Barnet.

1c) Any statistical analysis which you publish or produce for members as a separate document on the evaluation or implementation of the 14-19 strategy or plans within the last three (3) years or the most recent three (3) if these are available. I.e. no more than 3 docs. These may be incorporated into generic documents i.e. for the whole authority

See 1a - the Education Strategy, which includes a section on progress in the previous year .

Analysis of data submitted to council/members

2(a) Please provide copies of any termly, quarterly or annual reporting etc to council or members where there is a specific heading in the report for the provision of 14-19 roles pertaining to a number of areas i.e. Attainment/achievement within the last two (2) years or the most recent three (3) . I.e. no more than 3 docs

See 1b – the Education Standards Report.

3.14-19 Not in employment or education or training data

2(b) Please provide copies of your strategy/strategies for 14-19-year-olds who are classified as not in education, employment or training (NEETS) produced within the last two (2) years or the most recent three (3) . I.e. no more than 3 docs

See 1a – the Education Strategy and Risk of NEET document.

2(c) Any statistical analysis which you publish or produce for council members as a separate document on the implementation or evaluation of the 14-19 strategy or plans within the last three (3) years or the most recent three (3) . I.e. no more than 3 docs

See 1b – the Education Standards Report

Quality assurance

3(a) Please provide me with the latest copy of your general or generic quality assurance policy or strategy

We do not have a general or generic quality assurance policy or strategy

3(b) Please provide me with the latest copy of your quality assurance policy or strategy pertaining to 14-19-year-olds if there is one ,if not this may be contained in an overarching general quality assurance strategy

We do not have a general or generic quality assurance policy or strategy pertaining to 14-19-year-olds

4.KPI Monitoring Data submitted to council

4(a) I am particularly interested in any KPIS(key performance indicators) or data or measures which are submitted to council members or the education committees. This would include exclusions, attainment, attendance, achievement etc. Please can you provide me with two (2) samples of such monitoring reports which are submitted on a routine basis?

See 1a - the Education Strategy, which includes a section on KPIs (Appendix 1a and 1b).

Joint 14-19 role strategies, consortia or forums

5(a) Where there are established forums, or groups or committees established on a formal basis or otherwise in your local authority please can you provide me with the published minutes of the last three (3) meetings

We do not have any established forums, or groups or committees in relation to 14-19 services and provision

5(b) Published reports or documents (last three (3) describing, evaluation or reporting on its work

We do not have any established forums, or groups or committees in relation to 14-19 services and provision

6. Personal education plans

This is a statutory requirement for all looked after children

6(a) Please provide me with any information (reports or surveys or similar) regarding the monitoring of Personal Educational Plans by social services or the education department

Noted and we agree

6(b) Please provide me with any information (reports or surveys or similar) regarding the monitoring of Personal Educational Plans by social services or the education department

The Electronic Welfare Call PEP has been utilised for 2 years and the format is reviewed and improved annually. It is the policy of Barnet Virtual School for every LAC to have a termly PEP review. These are rigorously quality assured and pupil premium allocated accordingly. This enables the Virtual School to hold stakeholders to account for the quality and timeliness of PEPs.

An Early Years PEP and Post 16 PEP have been adapted from the original PEP to ensure they are relevant to the cohorts. Every PEP is quality assured by a member of the Virtual School leadership team. Caseworkers liaise closely with designated teachers and social workers to ensure that adjustments to PEPs are completed so that they can be signed off as complete promptly. Caseworkers then follow up on PEP actions throughout the term to ensure that targets are met in time for the next review.

The Virtual School team recently reported that 99% of statutory PEPs for those who came into care prior to July 2018 were completed within time-scales and to at least a good standard by the end of the summer 2018.

Raising the standard and quality of EYFS PEPs has been a focused priority for the Summer Term, resulting in 12 of the 15 PEPs being quality assured as Good PEPs. Of the remaining three PEPs, two pupils are not in an EYFS setting due to planned adoption and one through a choice to choose stay and play groups as opposed to a provision. The EYFS PEP has been reviewed for the new academic year to ensure that the voice of the child page is more age appropriate.

6(c) Please provide me with any guidance notes you provide to social workers and/or schools pertaining to personal educational plans

Guidance for the completion of the PEPs is offered through the training we provide to Social Workers and Designated Staff in Schools. We have also placed the Barnet Virtual School PEP Guidance on the SENCO Zone in Barnet's Local offer website. The website link is: https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/senco_zone

Focused PEP training is delivered for cohorts of schools based on evaluation of need gathered whilst VS are QAing PEPs. Team Manager Training and specific focused team training such as Onwards & Upwards.

A comprehensive PEP Guidance has been developed for the benefit of new Designated Teachers or those DTs who need a prompt or support guide of how to complete a good or better PEP (attached).

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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