

8 January 2020
Our ref: 5916832

Thank you for your request received on 24 December 2019, for the following information:

Under the FOI (2000) I request you provide the following information;

- 1. How many children in Secondary School do you currently have within your local authority.**
- 2. For each of the following 3 years;**
 - a. How many children have been permanently excluded from schools in your local authority?**
 - b. How many GDC (governor discipline committee) hearings/reviews on Permanent Exclusions took place?**
 - c. How many times has the GDC overturned a head teachers decision to permanently exclude a child?**
 - d. How many times has the GDC been cancelled/not happened due to the headteacher withdrawing the permanent exclusion prior to the hearing?**

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

Response

1. How many children in Secondary School do you currently have within your local authority.

Years 7 - 14	Number of Pupils
Number of pupils in Barnet Secondary Schools Excl. Special and PRU	26523
Number of pupils in all Barnet Secondary Schools Incl. Special and PRU	26754

Please note this information comes from the October 2019 census.

2. For each of the following 3 years;

a) How many children have been permanently excluded from schools in your local authority?

2016/17 (46), 2017/18 (32), 2018/19 (40)

b) How many GDC (governor discipline committee) hearings/reviews on Permanent Exclusions took place?

2016/17 (46), 2017/18 (32), 2018/19 (40)

c) How many times has the GDC overturned a head teachers decision to permanently exclude a child?

We do not hold this information. You will need to contact schools directly.

Please see the link below: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools>

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.

d) How many times has the GDC been cancelled/not happened due to the headteacher withdrawing the permanent exclusion prior to the hearing?

See above

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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