

26 March 2020
Our ref: 6190788

Thank you for your request received on 16 March 2020, for the following information:

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1. How many Education Health and Care Plans have been produced by an external provider (company or individual) who is not a member of council staff? Please provide this information for the financial years (1st April - 31st March) from 2015-2019 inclusive.

2. What has been the total cost of engaging external providers to write Education Health and Care Plans for the financial years 2015-2019 inclusive?

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

Response

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2016	329
2017	646
2018	58
2019	65

Please note the figures are from January to December for each year

2. What has been the total cost of engaging external providers to write Education Health and Care Plans for the financial years 2015-2019 inclusive?

15/16	£51,485.00
16/17	£36,756.00
17/18	£65,801.00
18/19	£6,484.00
19/20 to date	£5,720.00

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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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