



2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
6 November 2020  
Our ref: 6762444

Thank you for your request received on 29 October 2020, for the following information:

**I would like to know how much each school in the LA spent on temporary supply teaching and other supply staff from external supply teaching agencies for quarter 3. I would like to know this information for each Nursery, Primary, Secondary and SEND school. I would also, in addition to this, like to know which agency/s each school spent money with, broken down per school. As this information is not available on any Government website for this time period, this information is not already available, readily, to the public. I believe all LAs will have this information listed under 'E02' and 'E26'**

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

## **Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below

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As Quarter 3 does not end until the end of December, this information is exempt as well as applying the exemption in Section 22 to this information, the Council will not get the data until late January and will not be analysed until February.

The Council only know summary year to date CFR (E02 and E26 in this case) figures. We do not see a transaction listing, and so do not know which agencies the schools may choose to use if any.

CFR data will be published by the DfE for the full year 2020-21 next year, as it is every year.

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 subsection 2 (Information intended for future publication) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

### **Factors in favour of disclosure**

- Furthering the understanding and participation in the public debate of issues of the day.
- Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them.
- Promoting accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.
- Allowing individuals, companies and other bodies to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives.
- Bringing to light information affecting public health and safety.

### **Factors in favour of withholding**

- It does not represent a cost effective use of the Council's resources.
- The diversion of resources that will be necessary in providing the information requested negatively impact on its ability to deliver its core functions
- Given the nature of the exemption in this case, i.e. that the exempted information is intended for future publication it is our opinion that none of these factors weigh in favour of the public interest in disclosing that information over maintaining the exemption as none of these factors would be prejudiced by waiting for the publication of the latest information.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information until the scheduled publication date. Therefore, the information is not provided to you.

Information will be published (February 2021) here: <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.**

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.