

London Borough of Barnet,
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Colindale, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 6900684

Thank you for your request received on 30 December 2020, for the following information:

1. Please confirm the current AWPU for pupils in mainstream primary schools/academies within your local authority.

2. Please confirm how many students at primary school Barnet maintains an EHCP for.

Teaching assistants/learning support assistants

3. Within the local authority, what pay bands apply to teaching assistants/learning support assistants? Please list the entire pay scale for this profession within the local authority (based on levels of experience and seniority). Please list the bands and pay scales in monetary terms, without reference to a separate band/scale document or scheme. (When outlining the hourly rates, please outline any pension and national insurance contributions, when providing the figures).

4. Please list how the rates of pay are allocated for a teaching assistant/learning support assistant (e.g. level of training and experience).

5. Please confirm, out of the students at a mainstream primary school for which Barnet maintains an EHCP, how many have 1:1 learning support assistance in section F of their EHCP.

ASD training

6. Does the local authority directly employ any specialist autism spectrum disorder (ASD) advisory teachers?

7. If yes, how many?

8. And if yes, what are the pay bands (in monetary terms, without reference to a separate band/scale document or scheme) for those teachers within the local authority? Please list pay scales of these professionals (based on levels of experience and seniority) in monetary terms, without reference to a separate band/scale document or scheme. (When outlining the hourly rates, please outline any pension and national insurance contributions, when providing the figures).

9. If there is such a service, how frequently did it visit: Beit Shvidler Primary School 261 Hale Lane Edgware Middlesex HA8 8NX in the academic year of 2019-2020? Please outline how much of this was general advice for the school and how much of this was for specific students at the school.

10. If the local authority has to buy in additional teachers for students with ASD, please provide the average rate of pay per hour that the local authority will usually pay for buying in such services? Would travel costs be additional? If so, how are they calculated?

Speech and language therapy

11. Please provide a copy of the service level agreement between the local authority and the local NHS trust in relation to the level of provision of speech and language therapy, provided within maintained mainstream primary schools within the authority.

12. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement? Are speech and language therapy services under these contracts?

13. How much speech and language therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those without EHC plans?

14. How much speech and language therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those with EHC plans?

15. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable such as a few times a term), how frequently will speech and language therapists visit mainstream primary schools within the local authority to provide speech and language therapy?

16. If speech and language therapy to be delivered by an independent speech and language therapist has to be procured by the local authority, what is the hourly rate that the authority will offer (please provide it in monetary terms)? Would travel costs be additional? If so, how would they be calculated?

17. Does the service level agreement include occupational therapy being delivered in an independent mainstream primary school?

Occupational therapy

18. Please provide a copy of the service level agreement between the local authority and the local NHS trust in relation to the level of provision of occupational therapy, provided within maintained mainstream primary schools within the authority.

19. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement? Are occupational therapy services under these contracts?

20. How much occupational therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those without EHC plans?

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22. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable such as a few times a term), how frequently will occupational therapists visit mainstream primary schools within the local authority to provide occupational therapy?

23. If occupational therapy to be delivered by an independent occupational therapist has to be procured by the local authority, what is the hourly rate that the authority will offer (please provide it in monetary terms)? Would travel costs be additional? If so, how would they be calculated?

24. Does the service level agreement include occupational therapy being delivered in an independent mainstream primary school?

Transport

25. How many primary school students with EHCPs within Barnet have transport arranged by the local authority? 720

26. If the local authority has to arrange private taxi transport for a child within borough to and from school, what is the typical cost per mile the local authority will pay? I cannot provide an accurate answer, as there are many variables to the questions. The cost per mile will depend on the type of vehicle, the number of passengers, type of service.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1. Please confirm the current AWPUs for pupils in mainstream primary schools/academies within your local authority.

£3139.90

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1109

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We do not pay the LSA/TAs - the schools pay them directly.

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645 students have support in mainstream Barnet and OOB primary schools (the number of hours provided varies)

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Yes

7. If yes, how many?

3.82 FTE made up by 7 staff members

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Soulbury scSOUL - EIP 13-16 + 3 SPAs

Salary Grade: Soulbury Education Improvement professionals 13-16 plus up to 3 SPA

Actual Salary: £50,951 - £55,854 to a maximum of £59,625 per annum

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2x in a this period, both for whole school training and not for specific students

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N/A

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The contract is between NELFT and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and the LA makes a contribution to the contract value. The Service Level Agreement will need to be obtained from the CCG.

12. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement? Are speech and language therapy services under these contracts?

LA contribution to the contract is £742,790 which covers SLT, OT and PT

13. How much speech and language therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those without EHC plans?

Not specified

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15. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable such as a few times a term), how frequently will speech and language therapists visit mainstream primary schools within the local authority to provide speech and language therapy?

The level of SLT provision to a mainstream school is based dependent on the needs of the children attending the school with either an EHCP or with SLT needs without an EHCP – there is no average

16. If speech and language therapy to be delivered by an independent speech and language therapist has to be procured by the local authority, what is the hourly rate that the authority will offer (please provide it in monetary terms)? Would travel costs be additional? If so, how would they be calculated?

The hourly rate varies from £50 to £100 per hour depending on the private clinician commissioned. Travel costs may be additional or may be included, the funding agreement for these also vary depending on the time and distanced to be travelled.

17. Does the service level agreement include occupational therapy being delivered in an independent mainstream primary school?

The SLA covers children with EHCPs who attend schools within a 10 mile radius of Barnet, however as therapy provision may be delivered as part of the school offer and included in the funding charged to the LA for that placement there may not be a requirement on the SLA to deliver the provision.

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The level of OT provision to a mainstream school is based dependent on the needs of the children attending the school with either an EHCP or with OT needs without an EHCP – there is no average

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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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