



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
25 February 2021  
Our ref: 6998036

Thank you for your request received on 4 February 2021, for the following information:

**I am writing to you, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information from the Local Authority of Barnet. Please may you provide me with the following information listed below. We are particularly interested in understanding the impact of COVID-19 on education services.**

- \* Number of initial requests for new EHC plans (education, health and care plans) on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021) by source (e.g., mainstream schools, parents, LAs, etc.)**
- \* Number of children and young people assessed following requests for EHC plans on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)**
- \* Number of new EHC plans issued on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)**
- \* Proportion of EHC plans issued within 20 weeks among all the EHC plans on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)**
- \* Number of annual reviews for existing EHC plans undertaken on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)**
- \* Number of placements made for pupils with EHCPs on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)**
  - o Split the placements by school types, i.e. mainstream schools, maintained special schools, and independent and non-maintained special schools**
  - o Split the placements by pupil's age**
  - o Split the placements by annual fee range, i.e. below 20k, 20-50k, 50-80k, 80k and above**
- \* Number of pupils with EHCPs who transferred from mainstream settings to independent special schools on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)**

**It would be great if you provide the data in the following form in an excel worksheet for each cut, with the example below being number of initial requests for EHC plans by source on a monthly basis**

**If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.**

**Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.**

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

## Response

***The council holds the information requested and it is attached.***

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- ***Number of children and young people assessed following requests for EHC plans on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)***
- ***Number of new EHC plans issued on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)***
- ***Proportion of EHC plans issued within 20 weeks among all the EHC plans on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)***
- ***Number of annual reviews for existing EHC plans undertaken on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)*** Please note it is the responsibility of schools and education settings to hold the annual review for children and young people with EHC plans.
- ***Number of placements made for pupils with EHCPs on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)***
- ***Split the placements by school types, i.e. mainstream schools, maintained special schools, and independent and non-maintained special schools***
- ***Split the placements by pupil's age***
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- ***Number of pupils with EHCPs who transferred from mainstream settings to independent special schools on a monthly basis (Jan-2018 to Jan-2021)***

The above requested data has been provided in the attached spreadsheet. Please note that we have omitted the data where the values are 5 or less as this could reveal the identities of the children. We consider that this information is exempt under section 40 of FOIA. Please see the refusal notice below pertaining to Section 40.

## Refusal Notice Section 40(2)

Part 1 of Schedule 19 of the Data Protection Act 2018 amends the personal data exemption under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000(FOI). These are consequential amendments designed to ensure that the correct provisions of the GDPR and the new Act are referenced instead of the now repealed DPA 1998. They will not fundamentally impact when personal data can, and cannot, be disclosed in response to an FOI request.

Personal Information is governed by the Data Protection Act legislation and is defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness.

### **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.**

### **Your rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: [foi@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:foi@barnet.gov.uk). Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.