



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 7111483

Thank you for your request received on 8 March 2021, for the following information:  
**How long does the process of EHC plans usually take from initial application to granting?**

**What was the waiting time in February 2020 and now in February 2021?**

**What is the current waiting time?**

**Can you provide a month-by-month breakdown of waiting times from February 2020 and February 2021?**

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:

***How long does the process of EHC plans usually take from initial application to granting?***

Section 21 - Information available elsewhere -We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because it is already reasonable accessible at: [Barnet Local Offer :: Home / Info and Advice / Education Health and Care Plans](#)

***What was the waiting time in February 2020 and now in February 2021?***

The SEND Code of Practice states that Local Authorities have to inform parents of the decision to assess within 6 weeks of receiving the request. We do not record waiting times, so we are unable to provide this data.

***What is the current waiting time?***

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***Can you provide a month-by-month breakdown of waiting times from February 2020 and February 2021?***

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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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