



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
29 July 2021  
Our ref: 7487796

Thank you for your request received on 12 July 2021, for the following information:

**1. What support is available for children with multi-sensory impairment in the area the Local Authority covers?**

- a. From the Local Authority's Sensory Services team**
- b. From other teams within the Local Authority**

**2. Does the Local Authority currently employ any multi-sensory impairment teachers or practitioners?**

**3. If yes to Question 2:**

- a. Please indicate how many employees have these roles.**
- b. Please indicate the average weekly working hours of these employees (e.g. 20 hours, 35 hours a week).**
- c. Please indicate the salary band this role falls into.**

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. What support is available for children with multi-sensory impairment in the area the Local Authority covers?***

***a. From the Local Authority's Sensory Services team:***

BELS offer support based on the student's NatSIP criteria as well as professional judgement and caseload capacity. The MS Teacher offers school/home visits from point of diagnosis, and works with families and settings, including training as well as direct teaching of and with the child. MS Teacher has contact with the audiology and ophthalmology hospital teams.

***b. From other teams within the Local Authority***

The Local Authority does not hold this data. You will need to contact North East London NHS Foundation Trust directly, Website can be found here [www.neflt.nhs.uk](http://www.neflt.nhs.uk).

**2. Does the Local Authority currently employ any multi-sensory impairment teachers or practitioners?**

Yes

**3. If yes to Question 2:**

**a. Please indicate how many employees have these roles.**

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**b. Please indicate the average weekly working hours of these employees (e.g. 20 hours, 35 hours a week).**

21.6hrs

**c. Please indicate the salary band this role falls into.**

£51951 - £55854 FTE

**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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