

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

23 May 2022  
Our ref: 8269530

Thank you for your request received on 11 May 2022, for the following information:

**1. How many blind and partially sighted learners does your service support in the following post 16 education settings, during 2021/22?**

- a. Mainstream sixth form**
- b. Mainstream FE college**
- c. Specialist school**
- d. Specialist FE college (placed in or out of LA area) e. Specialist residential college (placed in or out of LA area) f. Other (please specify)**

**2. Please specify how your post 16 offer is contracted:**

- a. Sixth form college**
  - Statutory provision (by this we mean that the service is provided to the setting free of charge).
  - The college is required to buy in the support.
  - Other (please specify)
- b. Mainstream college**
  - Statutory provision (by this we mean that the service is provided to the setting free of charge).
  - The college is required to buy in the support.
  - Other (please specify)

**3. If your service is traded, please tell us how many further education providers purchased your service in**

- a) 2021/22**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2019/20**

**4. What eligibility criteria is in place for blind and partially sighted students to access post-16 education (please indicate all that apply)**

- a. Sixth form setting**
  - Must have an Education and Health Care Plan
  - Must be severe sight impairment
  - Must be partially sighted
  - Other (please state)
- b. Mainstream setting**
  - Must have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)
  - must be severe sight impaired

- **Must be partially sighted**
- **Other (please state)**

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 believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some this information and this is withheld.

### ***1. How many blind and partially sighted learners does your service support in the following post 16 education settings, during 2021/22?***

Please note that for part a, b, d, e & f 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.

***a. Mainstream sixth form***

***b. Mainstream FE college***

***c. Specialist school - 12***

***d. Specialist FE college (placed in or out of LA area)***

***e. Specialist residential college (placed in or out of LA area)***

***f. Other (please specify)***

### ***2. Please specify how your post 16 offer is contracted:***

***a. Sixth form college***

- ***Statutory provision (by this we mean that the service is provided to the setting free of charge).***
- ***The college is required to buy in the support.***
- ***Other (please specify)***

***b. Mainstream college***

- ***Statutory provision (by this we mean that the service is provided to the setting free of charge).***
- ***The college is required to buy in the support.***
- ***Other (please specify)***

Our post 16 offer is contracted by statutory provision for both sixth form and mainstream college.

**3. If your service is traded, please tell us how many further education providers purchased your service in**

- a) 2021/22**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2019/20**

N/A

**4. What eligibility criteria is in place for blind and partially sighted students to access post-16 education (please indicate all that apply)**

**a. Sixth form setting**

**- Must have an Education and Health Care Plan**

- Must be severe sight impaired - Applies**
- Must be partially sighted - Applies**
- Other (please state)**

**b. Mainstream setting**

**- Must have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)**

- Must be severe sight impaired - Applies**
- Must be partially sighted - Applies**
- Other (please state)**

**S40(2) identifying individuals through statistical tables (5 or less)**

The information you require is attached, but some information has been redacted. This is because in some instances, owing to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less) disclosing this data may make it possible for individuals to be identified. This information is therefore exempt by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply.

**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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be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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 Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, 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.