

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

24 May 2022
Our ref: 8261532

Thank you for your request received on 7 May 2022, for the following information:

A copy of the Council's current operational guidance for SEND High Needs Block funding allocation (a URL to current policy document would be fine);

*** Information that describes 'top-up', 'banding', 'matrix,' or 'element' arrangements that the Council uses to guide its allocation of High Needs Block funding to mainstream schools, resource base / units in mainstream schools, and special schools;**

*** Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band, matrix point, or element attracts in the current academic year (2022-23);**

*** Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band or element attracted for the previous academic year (2021-22).**

o If funding allocations for each band/element in 2022-23 are identical to those in 2021-22, please say so.

o If it is more efficient for you to provide these allocations based on financial years rather than academic years, please use financial years instead.

o If the Council has changed its banding arrangements during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 periods, please provide information showing the previous banding arrangements as well as the current ones.

o For special schools where banded funding is not used, please provide information showing the 'top-up' allocation per place.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached.

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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