

London Borough of Barnet
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London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 8247496

Thank you for your request received on 27 April 2022, for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the cost of children's residential placements in the UK.

Please can you tell me:

1. What is the most expensive residential care placement you have had to commission for a single child in the past five years, when was it, how long was it for and what specialised services were being provided for that cost? (eg £10k a week for six months for a 13-year-old girl with autism subject to a deprivation of liberty order who was deemed a danger to herself and others). Please indicate if it was a private placement or local authority run provision.

2. How often in the past five years have you had to pay at least £10,000 a week per child? Please break down the answer by year and indicate whether the placements were private or local authority.
I'd like to receive the information electronically please.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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The most expensive residential placement was at £14,144.00 a week for eight months in 2020/2021 for a 16 year old male diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Global Developmental Delay with severe learning disability. This young person exhibits severe behaviour, which involves self harm and aggression to self and other's .

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2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
0	2	3	8	6

These are all external placements. If a placement continued into the following financial year, this has been counted in both years

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to 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

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. 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). There is no charge for making an appeal.