

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

15 June 2022  
Our ref: 8289033

Thank you for your request received on 20 May 2022, for the following information:

**Hi, I would like to make a request for any of the following information:**

**Total number of individuals aged 4-25, and what percentage of those have special educational needs and/or a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder in your area.**

**Total number of those individuals in receipt of the following therapies as funded or managed by the council:**

**Occupational Therapy  
Speech and Language Therapy  
Applied Behaviour Analysis  
Positive Behaviour Support  
Music Therapy  
Art Therapy**

**This information would be greatly appreciated. Thanks very much.**

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

## **Response**

I can confirm that the council holds the information you requested. However we are withholding some of this information because we consider that the following exemption applies - see refusal notice below.

***Hi, I would like to make a request for any of the following information:***

***Total number of individuals aged 4-25, and what percentage of those have special educational needs and/or a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder in your area.***

Total number is 3355

Percentage of those with special educational needs and/or a diagnosis of Autism is 39%

***Total number of those individuals in receipt of the following therapies as funded or managed by the council:***

***Occupational Therapy***

**Speech and Language Therapy**  
**Applied Behaviour Analysis**  
**Positive Behaviour Support**  
**Music Therapy**

**Art Therapy**

S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)

Section 12 - Time limit - In respect of your recent enquiry for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the information that you asked for cannot be provided within the statutory 18 hour limit because we do not hold this data as a category on our management system. We would need to read every child's Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) to establish which therapies have been commissioned within their provisions.

We would have to read 3355 children's files. It would take approximately 10 minutes to review each case. 3355 files x 10 minutes = 33,550 minutes (559 hours). We have therefore decided to refuse this part of your request.

**Advice and Assistance**

Please note that you can resubmit your request for this data by requesting a smaller portion of the total number of 4-25 year old within the borough.

**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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**Your rights**

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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.