2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

30 June 2022
Our ref: 8324816

Thank you for your request received on 24 June 2022, for the following information:

Please regard this as a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (an FOI request), for specific information from London Borough of Barnet.

If I've managed to send this to the wrong address for FOI requests, please be so kind as both to let me know that, and to forward this message on to the correct address/individual within the organization.

Please could you tell me how much the authority has spent so far on school transport for (a) all pupils in this school year (b) all pupils with an EHCP or SEN Statement, and how much it spent in each of the last five years.

Please provide the information electronically

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, then please provide advice and assistance, under the section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email (at this address) and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request: my details are as below.

Thank you very much in advance for your time and I look forward to your response.

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.

Please could you tell me how much the authority has spent so far on school transport for

(a) all pupils in this school year

SEN home to school transport - £1.5 million

(b) all pupils with an EHCP or SEN Statement, and how much it spent in each of the last five years.

Averaging between £4.5 to £5.5 million

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

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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.