London Borough of Barnet 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW 28 June 2022 Our ref: 8302268

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

Can you provide me with a breakdown of each non-school alternative provider used by your council over the last five years.

I would like to know:

how many pupils in total were sent to each alternative provider how much each provision cost in total

If possible, your return should include data for the following academic years: 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20; 2020-21; 2021-22.

When you give data for the year, please provide data for the overall number of pupils and cost over the entire year, not just a snapshot view of the data.

By Alternative Provision, I mean any establishment you would include on the AP Census that is not a school, either independent or state maintained. This could include but isn't limited to 1:1 tuition, work experience; other training.

Please provide the information as listed below in the Excel sheet attached.

Academic year

Provider name

UK PRN (where applicable)

Number of pupils (in the academic year)

£spent

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 and it is attached.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some of this

information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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See refusal notice below

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See attachment - information provided for years where applicable

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Refusal Notice: 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/

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.