

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

11 July 2022
Our ref: 8317414

Thank you for your request received on 17 June 2022, for the following information:

Please see the attached PDF

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

Mainstream Primary Schools/Academies

1. What is the AWPUs that follows a pupil into a mainstream primary school/academy within your local

authority?

£3,540.05 for 22/23

Learning Support Assistants/LSA

2. Within the local authority, what pay bands apply to teaching assistants/learning support assistants?

Please list the entire pay scale for this profession within the local authority (based on levels of experience and seniority). Please list the bands and pay scales in monetary terms, without reference to a separate band/scale document or scheme. (When outlining the hourly rates, please outline any pension and national insurance contributions, when providing the figures). We understand that most schools use a level system for determining experience of teaching assistants and subsequent pay. This is usually level 1-4. 4 being learning support assistants with a high level of experience with students with special educational needs. If this is a system you use, we would be

grateful if you could outline hourly rates based on this.

We do not pay the LSA/TAs - the schools pay them directly.

3. Please list how the rates of pay are allocated for a teaching assistant/learning support assistant (e.g.

level of training and experience)?

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ASD Advisory Teaching

4. Does the local authority directly employ any specialist ASD teachers?

Yes

5. If yes, how many?

4.77FTE

6. And if yes, what are the pay bands (in monetary terms, without reference to a separate band/scale document or scheme) for those teachers within the local authority? Please list pay scales of these professionals (based on levels of experience and seniority) in monetary terms, without reference to a

separate band/scale document or scheme. (When outlining the hourly rates, please outline any

pension and national insurance contributions, when providing the figures).

Advisory teacher: Soulbury Education Improvement professionals 10-13 plus up to 3 SPA

Actual Salary £48,849 - £52,860 to a maximum of £56,831 per annum

Lead teacher salary Grade: Soulbury Education Improvement professionals 13-16 plus up to 3 SPA

Actual Salary: £52,860 - £56,831 to a maximum of £60,668 per annum

NB Pension arrangements and the cost of these vary according to whether the employee was TUPEd over from LBB (having LGPS scheme) or being appointed subsequently (Aviva pension scheme)

7. If there is such a service, how frequently did they visit:

Bell Lane Primary School, Bell Lane, Hendon, Barnet, London NW4 2AS in the academic year of a) 2020-2021 and b) 2021-2022? Please outline how much of this was general

advice for the school and how much of this was for specific students at the school.

2020 – 2021

Individual students observation and advice: 6 visits from Autism Advisory Teacher – specific student

Modelling of strategies 7 visits from Autism Facilitator – specific student

Central training: Introduction to Autism, Autistic Speaker and Toolkit - General

2021-2022

Individual students' observation and advice: 21 visits – specific student

Whole school training: Introduction to Autism and Emotional Regulation - General

Borough Review and Development Plan: 3 meetings General

Strategic Plan meeting and reviews: 3 meetings – specific and General

8. If the local authority has to buy in additional teachers for students with ASD, please provide the average rate of pay per hour that the local authority will usually pay for buying in such services?

Would travel costs be additional? If so, how are they calculated?

N/A

Speech and Language Therapy

9. Please provide a copy of the service level agreement between the local authority and the local NHS trust in relation to the level of provision of speech and language therapy, provided within maintained mainstream primary schools within the authority.

The contract is between Whittington Health who provide the Speech and Language Therapy service in Barnet (Children's Integrated Therapy service) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) now the NCL Integrated Care Board and the LA makes a contribution to the contract value. The Service Level Agreement will need to be obtained from the CCG/ NCL Integrated Care Board.

10. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement? Are speech and language therapy services under these contracts?

LA contribution to the contract is £600,000 which covers SLT, OT and PT (value to be finalised).

11. Please provide the standard maximum level of direct and indirect of speech and language therapy that is provided under the service level agreement for primary school.

There is no service level agreement for a maximum number of therapies. Barnet CIT offer a range of packages of care dependent on the young person's needs including Universal, Targeted and Specialist provision. The maximum package of care will depend on the child's need and what pathway they are on (Therapies are offered across 6 pathways). Bolt-on sessions can also be offered in all pathways in addition to core sessions when a specific clinical need arises for a specific purpose for a fixed period of time.

12. How much speech and language therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those without EHC plans?

Not specified

13. How much speech and language therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those with EHC plans?

Not specified

14. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable), how frequently will speech and language therapists visit mainstream primary schools within the local authority to provide speech and language therapy?

The level of SLT provision to a mainstream school is based dependent on the needs of the children attending the school with either an EHCP or with SLT needs without an EHCP - there is no average

15. If speech and language therapy to be delivered by an independent speech and language therapist has to be procured by the local authority, what is the hourly rate that the authority will offer (please provide it in monetary terms)? Would travel costs be additional? If so, how would they be calculated?

The hourly rate varies from £50 to £100 per hour depending on the private clinician commissioned. Travel costs may be additional or may be included, the funding agreement for these also vary depending on the time and distanced to be travelled.

16. Does the service level agreement include the therapies being delivered in a academies/free schools?

Therapy to all Barnet state funded schools including Academies and Free schools is delivered by Barnet CIT, though the service does not have a specific SLA for each School.

17. How often has speech and language therapy services visited Bell Lane Primary School, Bell Lane, Hendon, Barnet, London NW4 2AS in the academic year of a) 2020-2021 and b) 2021-2022?

Occupational Therapy

Please note that BELS does not hold this data you will need to contact NHS North Central London ICB at nclccg.foi@nhs.net

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19 & 20 are duplicate questions.

What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement? Are occupational therapy services under these contracts?

LA contribution to the contract is £600,000 which covers SLT, OT and PT (value to be finalised).

21. Please provide the standard maximum level of direct and indirect of occupational therapy that is provided under the service level agreement for primary school.

There is no service level agreement for a maximum number of therapies. Barnet CIT offer a range of packages of care dependent on the young person's needs including Universal, Targeted and Specialist provision. The Universal Provision can be accessed by all schools and families including Alma and Claremont Primary schools. The maximum package of care will depend on the child's need and what pathway they are on (Therapies are offered across 6 pathways). Bolt-on sessions can also

be offered in all pathways in addition to core sessions when a specific clinical need arises for a specific purpose for a fixed period of time.

22. How much occupational therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those without EHC plans?

Not specified

23. How much occupational therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream primary schools within the local authority for those with EHC plans?

Not specified

24. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable), how frequently will occupational therapists visit

mainstream primary schools within the local authority to provide occupational therapy?

The level of OT provision to a mainstream school is based dependent on the needs of the children attending the school with either an EHCP or with OT needs without an EHCP - there is no average

25. If occupational therapy to be delivered by an independent occupational therapist has to be procured by the local authority, what is the hourly rate that the authority will offer (please provide it in monetary terms)? Would travel costs be additional? If so, how would they be calculated?

The hourly rate varies from £75 to £100 per hour depending on the private clinician commissioned. Travel costs may be additional or may be included, the funding agreement for these also vary depending on the time and distanced to be travelled.

26. Does the service level agreement include the therapies being delivered in a academies/free schools?

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27. How often has occupational therapy services visited Bell Lane Primary School, Bell Lane, Hendon, Barnet, London NW4 2AS in the academic year of a) 2020-2021 and b) 2021-2022?

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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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