

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

15 July 2022
Our ref: 8331461

Thank you for your request received on 6 July 2022, for the following information:

- 1. Please disclose the council's policy regarding Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).**
- 2. Please disclose the RSE and PSHE curriculum and any course material.**
- 3. In the event that it is the council's contention that the curriculum/course material is subject to copyright and therefore not disclosable, please disclose the agreement between the council and the copyright owner that prohibits the dissemination of course material.**
- 4. Please disclose a list of all third party course material providers.**
- 5. Please disclose any risk assessments conducted by the council; specifically regarding RSE and PSHE.**

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

1. Please disclose the council's policy regarding Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).

Barnet Council does not have a universal PSHE/RSHE policy and refers schools to the statutory guidance set out under the Children and Social Work Act 2017. This includes Relationships Education at key stages 1 and 2, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at key stages 3 and 4, and Health Education in both primary and secondary phases. The Department for Education published Statutory Guidance for RSE and Health Education in June 2019 [Personal, social, health and economic \(PSHE\) education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812222/Personal-social-health-and-economic-PSHE-education-GOV.UK.pdf)

2. Please disclose the RSE and PSHE curriculum and any course material.

Individual schools are responsible for planning and delivering their own PSHE/RSHE curriculum and use a range of course material from a variety of sources to meet the

needs of their planned curriculum. Barnet Council promote the [Health Education Partnership \(HEP\) Primary and Secondary PSHE framework](#) available for schools to use to develop their own PSHE/RSHE curriculum. This is a comprehensive framework which covers both the statutory elements of the DfE Guidance and the non-statutory elements of an effective PSHE Curriculum.

As part of the support offered through HEP, Barnet Council offers schools access to the [Health Education Partnership resource listing](#) which is not exhaustive. Additional resources may be provided and are made available on the [website](#).

Barnet Public Health commission Brook to support PSHE/RSE delivery around sexual health education and healthy relationships- [Outreach and educational services for Barnet - Brook](#).

As any direct provision will be tailored to the needs of each school the requestor is advised to contact schools directly, see list here [Schools | Barnet Council](#)

3. In the event that it is the council's contention that the curriculum/course material is subject to copyright and therefore not disclosable, please disclose the agreement between the council and the copyright owner that prohibits the dissemination of course material.

It is the schools that are using the curriculum/materials and each school will need to be approached to release the curricula and the resource materials that they use.

The requestor is advised to contact schools directly.

4. Please disclose a list of all third party course material providers.

Schools are responsible for reviewing and using the third party course materials that they wish to use to support the delivery of their curriculum. Each school may use different course material to meet the needs of their school community and curriculum that they deliver. As part of the support offered through HEP, Barnet Council offers schools access to the [Health Education Partnership resource listing](#) which is not exhaustive. Barnet Public Health commission Brook to support PSHE/RSE delivery around sexual health education and healthy relationships- [Outreach and educational services for Barnet - Brook](#).

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5. Please disclose any risk assessments conducted by the council; specifically regarding RSE and PSHE.

Each school is responsible for undertaking their own risk assessment as part of the operational management of the school.

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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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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