

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

22 July 2022
Our ref: 8322223

Thank you for your request received on 23 June 2022, for the following information:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

**1a) Please can you tell me the number of incidents of RESTRAINT that have been used on pupils within special schools in your local authority over the last 5 academic years (2017/2018, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 (so far). Can I have the data as an annual breakdown.
FYI - By Special schools I mean: Schools which provide tailored provision for pupils with special educational needs.**

b) How many of these resulted in a physical injury to a child or young person?

2a) Please provide me with the total number of incidents of SECLUSION that took place in special schools in the local authority, over the last 5 academic years (2017/2018, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 (so far). Can I have this as an annual breakdown.

b) How many of these resulted in an injury?

3a) Do staff at special schools in the local authority receive regular training in the use of restraint?

b) If the above answer is yes, which type of training or provider is used, and how regularly (for instance, is it annual, biannual, or upon starting a staff role)?

Please could I receive the information by email, if you need to clarify any part of this request, please feel free to contact me

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

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Please note that the Local Authority does not hold this data. You will need to contact schools directly.

b) How many of these resulted in a physical injury to a child or young person?

N/A

2a) Please provide me with the total number of incidents of SECLUSION that took place in special schools in the local authority, over the last 5 academic years (2017/2018, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 (so far). Can I have this as an annual breakdown.

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b) How many of these resulted in an injury?

N/A

3a) Do staff at special schools in the local authority receive regular training in the use of restraint?

Special schools are responsible for providing staff with the necessary training regarding the use of restraints. You will need to contact schools directly.

b) If the above answer is yes, which type of training or provider is used, and how regularly (for instance, is it annual, biannual, or upon starting a staff role)?

N/A

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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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.