

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale
NW9 4EW
28 November 2022
Our ref: 8630968

Thank you for your request received on 5 November 2022, for the following information:

- **The number of young people aged 3-18 who currently receive SEN support (e.g. top up funding)**
- **The number of young people aged 3-18 who have an active Education Health and Care Plan**
- **The ethnic backgrounds of young people aged 3-18 who receive SEN support**
- **The ethnic background of young people aged 3-18 who have an active EHCP**

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.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

- ***The number of young people aged 3-18 who currently receive SEN support (e.g. top up funding)***

3321

- ***The number of young people aged 3-18 who have an active Education Health and Care Plan***

3003

- ***The ethnic backgrounds of young people aged 3-18 who receive SEN support***

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that we have omitted the data where the values are 5 or less as this could reveal the identities of the children. We consider that this information is exempt under section 40 of FOIA.

· ***The ethnic background of young people aged 3-18 who have an active EHCP***

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that we have omitted the data where the values are 5 or less as this could reveal the identities of the children. We consider that this information is exempt under section 40 of FOIA.

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/>

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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

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