

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

25 January 2023  
Our ref: 8911036

Thank you for your request received on 3 January 2023, for the following information:

**Dear Sir/Madam**

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Personal Budgets in Education January 2023 update (information previously accessed January 2022)**

**Please could you answer the following questions in relation to your Local Education Authority:-**

- 1. How many children/young people within your Local Authority have been awarded and currently access Personal Budgets for Education (Jan 23)?**
- 2. How many of the Personal Budgets for Education currently accessed have been provided as part of an Education Otherwise Than At/In School or College (EOTAS(C)/EOTIS(C)) provision described in their Education Health and Care Plan (Jan 23)?**
- 3. How many of the Personal Budgets for Education currently accessed have been awarded to children/young people who are being Electively Home Educated (EHE) (Jan 23)?**
- 4. How many of the Personal Budgets for Education currently being accessed are awarded in the form of Direct Payments to families (Jan 23)?**
- 5. What is the total annual cost of Personal Budgets for Education within your Local Authority (Jan 23)?**
- 6. What is the total annual cost of Personal Budgets for Education allocated as Direct Payments to families within your Local Authority (Jan 23)?**

**I very much appreciate your response in this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

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. How many children/young people within your Local Authority have been awarded and currently access Personal Budgets for Education (Jan 23)?**

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**2. How many of the Personal Budgets for Education currently accessed have been provided as part of an Education Otherwise Than At/In School or College (EOTAS(C)/EOTIS(C)) provision described in their Education Health and Care Plan (Jan 23)?**

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**3. How many of the Personal Budgets for Education currently accessed have been awarded to children/young people who are being Electively Home Educated (EHE) (Jan 23)?**

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**4. How many of the Personal Budgets for Education currently being accessed are awarded in the form of Direct Payments to families (Jan 23)?**

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**5. What is the total annual cost of Personal Budgets for Education within your Local Authority (Jan 23)?**

£305,298.00

**6. What is the total annual cost of Personal Budgets for Education allocated as Direct Payments to families within your Local Authority (Jan 23)?**

£227,437.00

### **Further information**

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