

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

10 March 2023
Our ref: 9207168

Thank you for your request received on 15 February 2023, for the following information:

In line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be most grateful if you would provide the following information requested below.

I would be grateful if you could deal promptly with this request and supply this information within 20 working days as required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The right to access this information can be enforced via the Information Commissioner, although I hope such an action will not be necessary.

Request is within the attached document.

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 Secondary Schools

1. What is the AWPU that follows a pupil into a mainstream secondary school within your local authority? -

Secondary AWPU

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) (KS3) £4,991.51

Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11) (KS4) £5,625.35

Local authority banding/funding allocation

We understand that the local authority uses a banding system/ funding allocation for education health and care plans. This is the monetary amount that local authorities allocate per EHC plan.

2. We would be grateful if the local authority could outline its system below and outline how it allocates funding depending on the type of student.

SEN colleagues decide the banding for the YP during the complex need panel for mainstream (see top up bandings attached), if they go to an ARP there is one banding assigned per ARP and if Special schools then again SEN allocate the banding (5 SS bands) depending on the needs of the CYP.

3. We ask the local authority to outline monetary amount allocated to each band/ funding system, for instance, if the local authority uses band A to F, Band A being the banding it uses for less complex students, and Band F being for those allocated to a special school, we will ask the local authority to outline funding per band or funding formula, and also to outline what this banding usually covers, such as funding towards LSA support, funding towards a specialist school setting, etc.

Banding data is attached – Finance do not decide what support is required this is a SEN decision.

Learning Support Assistants/LSA

4. 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 1-3. 3 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.

5. 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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Dyslexia Teaching -

6. Does the local authority directly employ any specialist dyslexia teachers?

No

7. If yes, how many?

N/A

8. 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).

N/A

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

**Friern Barnet School, Hemington Avenue, Friern Barnet, London, N11 3LS; and
Christ's College Finchley, East End Road, Finchley, London, N2 0SE**

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.

N/A

10. If the local authority has to buy in additional teachers for students with dyslexia, 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?

Specific Learning Difficulties Teaching -

11. Does the local authority directly employ any specialist specific learning difficulty teachers?

No

12. If yes, how many?

N/A

13. 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).

N/A

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

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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.

N/A

15. If the local authority has to buy in additional teachers for students with specific learning difficulties, 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?

Speech and Language Therapy -

16. 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 secondary schools/academies 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.

17. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement?

Please see the attached spreadsheet

Are speech and language therapy services under these contracts?

Yes

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

Duplicate question to question 17

19. Please provide the standard maximum level of direct and indirect of speech and language therapy that is provided under the service level agreement for secondary school/academy.

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

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

Not specified

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

Not specified

22. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable), how frequently will speech and language therapists visit mainstream secondary schools/academies 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

23. 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.

24. 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.

How often has speech and language therapy services visited Friern Barnet School, Hemington Avenue, Friern Barnet, London, N11 3LS, and Christ's College Finchley, East End Road, Finchley, London, N2 0SE in the academic year of a) 2020-2021 and b) 2021-2022?

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

Occupational Therapy

25. 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 occupational therapy, provided within maintained mainstream secondary schools/academies within the authority.

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26. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement?

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Are occupational therapy services under these contracts?

Yes

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

Duplicate question to question 26

28. Please provide the standard maximum level of direct and indirect of occupational therapy that is provided under the service level agreement for secondary school/academy.

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.

Physiotherapy

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2. What is the cost to the local authority of maintaining this service level agreement?

Please see the attached spreadsheet

Are occupational therapy services under these contracts?

Yes

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

Duplicate question to question 2 (Physiotherapy)

4. Please provide the standard maximum level of direct and indirect of occupational therapy that is provided under the service level agreement for secondary school/academy.

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5. How much occupational therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream secondary schools/academies within the local authority for those without EHC plans?

Not specified

6. How much occupational therapy is provided under the service level agreement within mainstream secondary schools/academies within the local authority for those with EHC plans?

Not specified

7. On average (a rough estimate is acceptable), how frequently will occupational therapists visit mainstream secondary schools/academies 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

8. 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

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

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10. How often has occupational therapy services visited Friern Barnet School, Hemington Avenue, Friern Barnet, London, N11 3LS, and Christ's College Finchley, East End Road, Finchley, London, N2 0SE 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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