

London Borough Of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue
6 April 2023
Our ref: 9489896

Thank you for your request received on 27 March 2023, for the following information:

Q1:

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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

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Answer: Barnet Council do not determine the calculation for eligibility on household income. We use the National eligibility checking system (ECS) service portal to input parent details in order to obtain whether a child is eligible on the grounds of household income.

All details of childcare offers and the eligibility criteria are available on the Government website

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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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