

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

13 April 2023  
Our ref: 9349252

Thank you for your request received on 9 March 2023, for the following information:

**1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children's SEN placements.**

**For questions 2 through 8, please supply the following information for the financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23, and where possible, budgeted or projected figures available for 2023/24.**

**Please note that 'all 'Special School' categories' includes state-funded nursery, primary, and secondary special schools, non-maintained special schools, pupil referral units, and independent special schools**

**Please note the category of 'Learning Disability' includes those with MLD, SLD, and PMLD.**

**2. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a;**

- a. Learning disability**
- b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder**
- c. SEMH**

**3. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning disability of;**

- a. Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)**
- b. Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)**
- c. Profound Multiple Learning Disability (PMLD)**

**4. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in all 'Special school' categories with**

- a. Learning disability**

**b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder**

**c. SEMH**

**5. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' only with a;**

**a. Learning disability**

**b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder**

**c. SEMH**

**6. Please provide the Local Authority's total expenditure on SEN placements in 'Special school: independent special schools'**

**7. Of the total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all 'Special School' categories, please provide the number that are placed out of area (i.e. outside the LA boundary) with a;**

**a. Learning disability**

**b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder**

**c. SEMH**

**8. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' that are in day placements (no boarding component) and 38/52-week placements;**

**a. Day placements**

**b. 38/52-week placements**

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 exemption detailed below apply to some of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

***1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for children's SEN placements.***

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***Please note the category of 'Learning Disability' includes those with MLD, SLD, and PMLD.***

***2. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a;***

***a. Learning disability - 419***

***b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder - 1437***

***c. SEMH - 554***

***3. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan with a learning disability of;***

***a. Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD) - 315***

***b. Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD) - 75***

***c. Profound Multiple Learning Disability (PMLD) - 29***

***4. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in all 'Special school' categories with***

***a. Learning disability - 132***

***b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder - 388***

***c. SEMH - 56***

***5. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' only with a;***

***a. Learning disability - 5***

***b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder - 32***

***c. SEMH - 25***

**6. Please provide the Local Authority's total expenditure on SEN placements in 'Special school: independent special schools'**

Section 21 - Information available elsewhere -We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because it is already reasonable accessible at [Section 251 documents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/61234/Section_251_documents.pdf)

**7. Of the total number of children and young people with a statement of SEN or EHC Plan who are attending all 'Special School' categories, please provide the number that are placed out of area (i.e. outside the LA boundary) with a;**

**a. Learning disability - 36**

**b. Autistic Spectrum Disorder - 135**

**c. SEMH - 6**

**8. Please provide the total number of children and young people for whom the authority maintains a statement of SEN or EHC Plan in a 'Special school: independent special school' that are in day placements (no boarding component) and 38/52-week placements;**

**a. Day placements - 108**

**b. 38/52-week placements - 14**

**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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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