

London Borough Of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue  
2 May 2023  
Our ref: 9468664

Thank you for your request received on 21 March 2023, for the following information:

- 1. Please provide figures for the number of children in your area in foster care who have additional needs, such as SEN, or who are described as having a disability and provide those figures from 2019-2022 inclusive.**
- 2. Please provide figures for the number of foster carers in your area providing care for children and young people who have such additional needs from 2019-2022 inclusive.**
- 3. Please give details of the reasons that foster carers quitting the sector have given your council from 2019-2022, with particular emphasis on reasons around not enough support, financial and otherwise, for their work with children and young people with additional needs.**

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. Please provide figures for the number of children in your area in foster care who have additional needs, such as SEN, or who are described as having a disability and provide those figures from 2019-2022 inclusive.**

*Based on period April 19 to March 22 - Number of children experiencing foster care was 533; of those 45 were marked as disabled and 115 had a statement of educational needs (35 of the 45 were marked as both disabled AND having an SEN statement)*

**2. Please provide figures for the number of foster carers in your area providing care for children and young people who have such additional needs from 2019-2022 inclusive.**

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**3. Please give details of the reasons that foster carers quitting the sector have given your council from 2019-2022, with particular emphasis on reasons around not enough support, financial and otherwise, for their work with children and young people with additional needs.**

*We have not had any carers who have resigned from fostering specifically because of caring for children with additional needs, and not receiving enough support*

### **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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