

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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Our ref: 11389524

Thank you for your request received on 16 January 2024, for the following information:

- The number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) currently active within your local authority - as of the date of receiving this request**
- The number of new EHC Plans issued within the 2023 calendar year (1st January 2023-31st December 2023)**
- The number of initial requests for an EHC plan made to your authority in the 2023 calendar year**
- The number of EHC plans issued in 2023 within the 20 week timescale, excluding cases where exceptions apply.**
- The number of decisions relating to EHC Plans that were appealed in the 2023 calendar year - and the outcomes of these appeals.**
- The number of EHCP related appeals for which an outcome was ultimately reached at a tribunal - and the outcomes of these appeals. Again, please provide this information only relating to the 2023 calendar year.**

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

-The number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) currently active within your local authority - as of the date of receiving this request

3832

- The number of new EHC Plans issued within the 2023 calendar year (1st January 2023-31st December 2023)

572

925

- The number of EHC plans issued in 2023 within the 20 week timescale, excluding cases where exceptions apply

449

- The number of decisions relating to EHC Plans that were appealed in the 2023 calendar year - and the outcomes of these appeals.

Please note we have provided our answer to this question below.

- The number of EHCP related appeals for which an outcome was ultimately reached at a tribunal - and the outcomes of these appeals. Again, please provide this information only relating to the 2023 calendar year.

For the calendar year of 2023, we received 148 appeals in total. 19 cases went to hearing, of which the Local Authority was successful in 17 of those cases. All appeals were EHCP related.

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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