

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

17 April 2024
Our ref: 11848200

Thank you for your request received on 28 March 2024, for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information regarding children and young people in relation to Post 16 transport: -

1. Are there any planned changes to the local authorities post 16 transport policy? If so:

- **Please provide us with details of the proposed changes including but not limited to details of any funding cuts, a breakdown of any funding cuts, how the changes are going to be implemented and from when.**
- **How many children are the local authority currently providing transport for and what is the cost of this?**
- **Where there is going to be a possible loss of transport, what alternative is going to be offered?**
- **Has an equality and impact assessment been carried out with regards to the children and young people that will be affected by these changes, funding cuts/loss of transport? If so, please provide us with a copy of any documentation relating to this.**

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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The Local Authority can confirm that we are planning to make changes to the post-16 transport policy; however, we are not able to announce or publish our revised policy as we are still finalising it. Please note any changes will be subject to cabinet approval and public consultation.

• *How many children are the local authority currently providing transport for and what is the cost of this?*

The Local Authority currently provides transport for 920 Children.

The cost for transport for children known to SEN is Approx £6.8 million.

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As referenced in the first question, we are not able to announce or publish our revised policy as we are still finalising changes to it. However we can confirm an Equality and Impact Assessment will be carried out.

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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