

London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
18 April 2024  
Our ref: 11946644

Thank you for your request received on 15 April 2024, for the following information:

**Hello,**

**Please find attached questions to support a Freedom Of Information request into school aged public health screening for Vision, usually undertaken in reception year by school nursing, 0-19 health teams or orthoptist teams**

**We are a Kent School Nursing service and are concerned that we have been seeing a rise in Vision failure rates in our school based public health screen.**

**As such we are reaching out to colleagues in different areas to see if a similar trend has been seen elsewhere and to help us identify if this is a localised challenge or one more widely seen. This is a genuine query and therefore we are sharing our own data alongside this request for information to support transparency and openness. I confirm I am happy for my details to be shared with your lead for the programme if they have any direct queries and would like a conversation**

**For any area who would be interested in the results of this data request, we are proposing to put in a virtual teams mtg to share data for those open to doing so.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and please see response below

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We are unable to insert data into the table, as this is not in excel, but please see below information

**Opt out  
Reception  
Thompson  
School Nursing  
Band 3 School Nurse assistants  
1430 children were screened in 2018/19 failure rate not collected by commissioners  
3597 children were screened in 2019/20 failure rate not collected by commissioners  
1512 children were screened in 2021/22 failure rate not collected by commissioners  
1713 children were screened in 2022/23 failure rate and onward referral was 4.75%  
Outcome data – you would need to ask the provider of the service.**

### **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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