

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

11 June 2025
Our ref: 14748160

Thank you for your request received on 10 June 2025, for the following information:

The information concerns parental responsibility measures in the 2023/24 academic year, based on figures provided by local authorities in the parental responsibility measures attendance census (referred to henceforth as 'the census').

My request relates directly to the figures provided by the council in response to this census, and subsequently published by the Department for Education. A spreadsheet containing relevant figures is attached, and my questions will refer to the spreadsheet.

- 1. Of the pupil enrolments in academic year 2023/24 submitted in response to the census, and shown in column K of the attached spreadsheet, how many pupils had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or SEN support short of an EHCP?**
- 2. Of the pupil enrolments in academic year 2023/24 submitted in response to the census, and shown in column K of the attached spreadsheet, how many pupils had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?**
- 3. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance in 2023/24, as per column L of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or SEN support short of an EHCP?**
- 4. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance in 2023/24, as per column L of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?**
- 5. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance for reasons other than holidays or lateness in 2023/24, as per column P of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or SEN support short of an EHCP?**

6. Of the penalty notices issued in relation to school attendance for reasons other than holidays or lateness in 2023/24, as per column P of the attached spreadsheet, how many were in relation to pupils who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

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

Response

S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulation rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx [120.8 hours] to comply with your request.

Our calculation is as follows:

For example, we would have to review a minimum of 1450 records of children with a EHCP or requiring SEN support. It would take approximately 5 minutes to locate, review and ascertain the penalty notices denoted to each pupil. 1450 records x 5 minutes = 7250 minutes (120.8 hours). We have therefore decided to refuse your request.

Advice and Assistance

Please note that due to the way this information is held on our case management system, we're unable to clarify the request in order to avoid the cost limit exemption.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.