



My Ref: FOI/4274
Your Ref:
Date: 16/04/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

1) The number of children transported from home to their educational settings in transportation paid for by the local authority. Please provide the numbers per financial year for the following years: 2022/3, 2023/4 and 2024/5 For example: in 2023/4 , 150 under 16s were transported to school in taxis paid for by the council.

See below table (Q2)

2) How many of these individuals were assessed as having special educational needs and/ or disabilities? Please provide the numbers per financial year for the following years: 2022/3, 2023/4 and 2024/5 For example: in 2023/4 , 150 under 16s were transported to school in taxis paid for by the council. 50 of these individuals were assessed as having SEND

Year	22/23	23/24	24/25
No of under 16 transported	578	690	803
No of above with SEND	567	668	775

3) The amount spent on transporting children from their home to their educational settings. Please provide the numbers per financial year for the following years: 2022/3, 2023/4 and 2024/5 For example: in 2023/4 , 150 under 16s were transported to school in taxis paid for by the council. 50 of these children were assessed as having SEND. The total cost of this was £14,000

Year	22/23	23/24	24/25	Year	22/23	23/24	24/25
No of under 16 transported	578	690	803	No of under 16 transported	£4,375,525	£5,739,161	£6,510,968

No of above with SEND	567	668	775	No of above with SEND	£4,292,253	£5,556,173	£6,283,936
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Please note: If for data privacy reasons the information cannot be broken down by year can you please collate the figures i.e For example: Between 2022/3 and 2024/5, 750 under 16s were transported to school in taxis paid for by the council. 550 of these children were assessed as having SEND. The total cost of this was £114,000 Please note: If the data cannot be provided by financial year, please provide the figures for the following calendar years: 2024, 2023 and 2022 Please note: I am looking for data relating to under 16s. Councils have a legal duty to provide home to school travel assistance to children of compulsory school age (5-16), who need to travel to receive full time education or training. But if the data is only available for under 18s or under 25s please may you provide that.

Educational setting - by this I mean any setting where a young person would typically receive an education. For example, a state maintained school, a special state school, an independent special needs school, independent schools etc SEND definition: According to the Children and Families Act 2014, a child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. SOURCE:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/6/part/3/crossheading/special-educational-needs-etc> If you believe the contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files. If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions and exemptions by reference to specific exemptions under the Act My preferred mode of access to this information is electronic.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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