



My Ref: FOI5164  
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: -

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the below information relating to Barnsley Council's stated aim to "reduce Elective Home Education (EHE) registrations by 30%", as referenced in your recent job advertisement for Education Welfare Officers (ref: 458695), and any associated work under the "Every Child in School Every Day (ECISED)" plan and "Great Childhoods Ambition" programme.**

**Please provide:**

**1. Evidence and rationale**

**\* Any working papers, analysis, meeting minutes, internal correspondence, or other documentation that sets out how the target of "reducing EHE registrations by 30%" was determined, including who proposed or approved this target.**

The requested information is available online via the below link:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/04lbsmfy/barnsley-inclusion-charter.pdf>

**2. Funding and budgeting**

**\* A budget breakdown (including source, amount, and use of funds) for any part of the Great Childhoods Ambition funding stream allocated specifically to:**

- \* reducing EHE registrations; and/or**
- \* reintegrating home-educated children into school-based education.**

Grade	Full Time (£)	Number of Posts
7	88,608	2
8	49,062	1

Total Cost (1Year) 137,690  
Total Cost (2 Years) 275,340

**3. Monitoring and evaluation**

**\* All monitoring or evaluation reports, performance indicators, success measures, or project plans relating to the Every Child in School Every Day (ECISED) plan's aim to reduce EHE registrations.**

EHE register as of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 was 881 the aim is to reduce this by 30% over a two-year period target of 731.

#### **4. Statistical data**

**Please provide for each of the last five academic years (2019/20 to 2023/24):**

**a. The total number of children recorded as Electively Home Educated (EHE) in the Barnsley MBC area.**

2023/24 (End of July) = 659

2022/23 (End of July) = 508

2021/22 (End of July) = 437

2020/21 (End of July) = 487

2019/20 (End of July) = 407

The above data excludes year 11's as they leave the register on the last Friday in June.

**b. The year-on-year change (numerical and percentage) in EHE numbers.**

The requester can obtain this information from the data provide above

**c. The number and proportion of EHE children who were formally identified (with supporting evidence, not mere suspicion) as being involved in cases of abuse or neglect.**

We can only provide you with data on the current register

Child protection – Less than 5

Child in Need – 9

**c. The number of School Attendance Orders (SAOs) issued in respect of EHE children.**

2023/24 = 10

2022/23 = Less than 5

2021/22 = Less than 5

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**e. Of those SAOs:**

**\* how many resulted in the child returning to school**

2023/2024 6 those that did not return were Y11 and supported with Post 16.

In the previous years there were less than 5

**\* how many were successfully appealed or otherwise overturned by the parents.**

In all years 0

**5. Legal and equality compliance**

**\* Any Equality Impact Assessments, legal advice, or compliance assessments undertaken by Barnsley MBC in connection with the initiative to reduce EHE registrations, including any consideration of parents' legal rights to choose elective home education under section 7 of the Education Act 1996.**

The project team will work with families on a consent basis and in instances when families require support with returning their children to school-based learning. This is compliant with the relevant legislation.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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