



My Ref: FOI 5639
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: -

Sensory Lives Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the information below relating to households with dependent children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and who have been accepted as homeless and/or placed in Temporary Accommodation by the authority. If exact figures cannot be provided, please supply the nearest available data or confirm that the information is not held. Aggregate data only is requested; no personal data is sought.

For the last year, please supply the number of households with dependent children placed in Temporary Accommodation;

This information is not held.

For the last year, please supply the number of those households known to include at least one child with an EHCP. If the authority does not routinely record whether homeless households include children with EHCPs, please confirm this and explain where (if at all) this information would be recorded within housing needs assessments or homelessness systems.

This information is not held. This question is not part of routine homeless assessments and would only be recorded in the 'notes' section of the case management system if disclosed by parents/carers.

For the last year, please supply the number of households with children – with no EHCPs – were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area.

No families were placed in temporary accommodation outside of the local authority area in the last year.

For the last year, please supply the number of households with children – with one or more EHCPs – were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area.

No families were placed in temporary accommodation outside of the local authority area in the last year.

Please confirm whether the authority routinely records information on children's SEN or EHCPs when completing Section 208 notifications?

N/A as households with children are not placed in temporary accommodation outside of the local authority area

When a household with a child who has an EHCP is placed in Temporary Accommodation, including out of area: what procedures are in place to notify the current and new SEND service; and what procedures are in place to ensure transfer and continuity of EHCP provision in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.

There are no current procedures in place.

Does the authority record or monitor whether children with EHCPs experience any interruption or delay to the provision specified in their EHCP following placement in Temporary Accommodation? If yes, please describe the monitoring approach.

No

Does the authority have a policy or protocol for maintaining or funding hometoschool transport for children with EHCPs who are placed out of area due to homelessness?

N/A as households with children are not placed in temporary accommodation outside of the local authority area

Are housing suitability assessments adapted or given additional consideration where a household includes a child with an EHCP or other SEN? Please provide a brief description of any such adjustments or guidance.

Yes, if households include a child/children with an EHCP or SEN, temporary accommodation is sourced as close to the child's school as possible. Households are also afforded flexibility in bidding for accommodation through Choice Based Lettings to ensure final offers of accommodation do not disrupt education.

What training (if any) is mandatory for housing officers in relation to: SEND and EHCPs; safeguarding children.

Annual safeguarding training is mandatory, but there is no mandatory training in relation to SEN and EHCP's

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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