



My Ref: FOI 5922
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the training provided to staff involved in Elective Home Education (EHE) within your authority.

This request relates to the past five years.

Specifically, I would like to request the following:

Training Content and Scope

Details of all formal and informal training provided to EHE staff relating to home education.

Information on whether this training includes coverage of the diverse range of home education styles, inspirational educators and pedagogies, including (but not limited to): unschooling, democratic, self -directed, Steiner, Waldorf, Montessori inspired, Charlotte Mason, structured, school-at-home approaches, Classical education, semi structured, Child-led, project-based learning, experiential learning, and eclectic methods.

Training provided to staff involved in Elective Home Education is focused on the statutory and legal framework governing EHE, and the Council's duties and powers in this area.

Training Frequency and Requirements

How often EHE staff are required to undertake training related to home education practices.

Whether ongoing professional development in this area is mandatory or optional.

Training related to Elective Home Education is provided:

- As part of induction for staff taking on EHE-related responsibilities
- Periodically to reflect changes in legislation, statutory guidance, or case law
- Through professional briefings, team discussions, and internal updates

Training Materials

Copies of any training materials, guidance documents, presentations, or manuals used in delivering this training over the past five years.

Training materials used within the past five years consist primarily of:

- Guidance documents
- Presentations summarising legal duties and statutory guidance
- Case study scenarios used to support understanding of the legal framework
- Department for Education documents

External Input and Expertise

Details of any external organisations, consultants, or home education representatives involved in designing or delivering training within the past five years.

N/A

Any mechanisms in place to incorporate feedback from home educating families into staff training.

N/A

Assessment and Evaluation

How the effectiveness of EHE training is assessed.

The effectiveness of EHE-related training is assessed through management oversight.

Any internal or external evaluations conducted within the past five years regarding staff understanding of the diversity of home education styles and pedagogies, including unschooling approaches.

N/A.

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

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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