



My Ref: FOI5662  
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. Please provide a full copy of the local authority's current Alternative Provision directory in the format it is provided to schools.**

Please see PDF document provided.

**2. Secondly, for the school years 2022-3, 2023-4; 2024-5 and 2025-6 (if held), please provide the following information:**

See additional spreadsheet provided for responses to 2a, 2b and 2c. Please note that average cost per day cannot be provided for all providers as some are hourly, some daily and some weekly. The information held by us has been provided in terms of average costs with an indication of what this average cost relates to. The number of hours a pupil attends the setting is not recorded on the finance tracking spreadsheet. Alternative Provision is intended to be short term and therefore the number of pupils provided for each financial year (this is how we record the data, not by school year) is based on any pupil accessing that provision at any point during the financial year. Where a specific hourly/daily/weekly cost was not recorded, the average of the total amount paid to that provider during the financial year has been used and a weekly cost calculated from that.

The types of need each provider caters for is not recorded on the finance spreadsheet and each AP placement is considered on an individual basis. We have therefore suggested that you contact each provider directly to obtain this information.

As indicated in your request, Pupil Referral Units have not been included.

**a) A list of all Alternative Provision (AP) settings where young people in the local authority are/were placed, either part or full-time. Please mark if each setting is classified as registered or unregistered alternative provision, the needs category each setting caters for, where relevant (eg SEND, SEMH, both SEND and SEMH, etc.), and whether the setting provides online or in person learning, or a hybrid or the two. See spreadsheet provided.**

**Example: - Sunnydale learning - unregistered - SEMH – online**

**b) Aggregated totals of how many students across the local authority are/were enrolled at each of these settings. Please break down this data to show an aggregated total of how many young people at each AP setting are/were enrolled there on a part-time or full-time basis, if this data is held.**

**c) The average cost per young person per day for each provider. See spreadsheet provided**

Please provide the information for section 2 in .xls format.

Please limit the scope of the enquiry to AP settings, not Pupil Referral Units.

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

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Information Requests Team  
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Barnsley  
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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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