



My Ref: FOI/4194
Your Ref:
Date: 01/04/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

Please provide the following data regarding children for whom your LEA has issued or maintained the Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans in 2022-2024:

1. Number of parental requests (aka expressed preference) for a specialist school placement made under Section 38(3) of the Children and Families Act (CFA) 2014, broken down by the year and the child's ethnicity.

The data is only available from January 2024 and is not recorded by ethnicity. In the 2024 calendar year we received 210 requests for a specialist school placement. So far in 2025 (Jan – Mar) we have received 83 requests.

2. Number of cases, where a specialist school was named in section I of EHC plans, in response to such requests/ expressions of preference, broken down by the year and the child's ethnicity.

This data is published each year for all Local Authorities and can be accessed by downloading the underlying data (select Download all data (zip) and refer to the guidance notes.

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans/2024>

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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

Customer Services Team
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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