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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: -

**LA Education Offer**

**Q1.**

**a. What services do the LA provide to schools related to SEND?**

The LA has an Education Inclusion Service. Included in this are:  
SEND Improvement Service  
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Specialist teacher service  
Barnsley Education Support Service (tutoring)  
Educational Psychology  
Social Communication and Interaction team  
Hearing Loss  
Vision Loss  
Habilitation Officer

**b. What services are traded?**

None of the above are traded

**c. What are the traded package prices?**

N/A

**d. What is included in these packages?**

N/A

**Q2.**

**a. What services do the LA provide to schools related to Education services?**

Education Welfare Services

**b. What services are traded?**

Education Welfare Service. Support First package

**c. What are the traded package prices?**

Please see attached

**d. What is included in these packages?**

Please see attached

**Q3.**

**a. How many hours per school do the LA offer for the EP service for statutory work?**

This is dependent on the number of statutory assessments agreed for the pupils who are on roll at the school. Educational Psychologists provide advice for all children who have had a statutory EHC needs assessment agreed.

**b. Is the offer based on case numbers/ numbers of pupils or hours?**

Educational Psychology involvement is based on need in the context of service capacity (hours available).

**c. Is there a formula for the offer and if so, what is the formula?**

No

**Q4.**

**a. Can schools go to providers other than the LA for services in SEND, Education or Health?**

Yes

**b. If schools have to commission external services for identification of need and advice as part of the APDR process, due to the LA not being able to provide this support in a timely manner (1 term), will the LA accept this cost added to the schools notional spend?**

No, schools do not have to commission external services for identification of need and advice as part of the APDR process.

**c. Will the LA accept non-LA reports from other professionals and advice for EHCPs?**

The LA will consider all reports.

**Q5.**

**a. If the EHCP process goes beyond the 20 weeks, will the LA backdate the funding for late EHCP's to be finalised, to the 20-week timeframe so that pupils are not losing out on their provision?**

Yes – funding is always allocated from the date the EHCP was due to be issued.

**b. How does the LA calculate the high needs notional funding allocation per school? Please share the formulae used and offer an example.**

Link to Notional SEN guidance (section 5) [Schools operational guide: 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-operational-guide-2025-to-2026)

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Formula used and example:

	2025/26
<b>APT Tool</b>	
<b>BMBC</b>	
<b>Basic Entitlement</b>	3%
<b>Basic Entitlement (Key Stage 3)</b>	2%
<b>Basic Entitlement (Key Stage 4)</b>	2%
<b>Lower prior attainment</b>	90%
<b>FSM6</b>	30%
<b>IDACI</b>	30%
<b>EAL</b>	1%
<b>Mobility</b>	0%
<b>Lump Sum</b>	0%
<b>Notional SEN</b>	<b>£22,430,041</b>
<b>Notional SEN funding per eligible pupil</b>	<b>£3,752</b>

**c. How does the LA fund the costs of mediation and tribunals? Does this come from the High Needs Block Budget?**

Mediation and tribunals are not funded from the High Needs Block Budget; they are funded from Council Resources.

## LA Health Offer

### **Q6.**

**a. What services do the LA provide to schools related to Health services?**

Health services are commissioned by the ICB not the LA.

The 0-19 Public Health Nursing service deliver the Healthy Child Programme, universal and targeted interventions delivered by health visitors and school nurses, focusing on prevention, early intervention, and safeguarding. These services aim to promote healthy lifestyles, prevent illness, and ensure children receive appropriate care and support within school environments.

**b. What services are traded? n/a**

**c. What are the traded package prices? n/a**

**d. What is included in this? n/a**

**e. Will the LA accept private diagnosis and advice for EHCP?**

The LA will consider these.

**f. If schools have to commission external services due to LA not being able to provide the support in a timely manner (1 term), to meet the EHCP**

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**provision, will the LA accept this cost from the notional spend or are schools able to claim for a reimbursement for monies paid out? EG given SALT services – n/a**

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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