



My Ref: FOI/ 5245
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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. How many children are currently not accessing education and require a school or alternative provision (AP)?

The response assumes that you mean not accessing school where you have stated 'not accessing education' in question 1.

The LA has a duty to provide an education for pupils who have been excluded from school from the 6th day, currently there are 110 pupils placed in AP because of exclusion from school.

In addition, there are currently 44 young people with an EHCP awaiting a placement who are not on roll at a setting and therefore accessing an alternative provision such as interim tuition.

2. For children accessing an AP, what is the average length of placement?

We would require date ranges to answer this question

3. How frequently do children access AP provision (e.g., full-time, part-time, number of days per week)?

This varies on the upon the needs of the child so there is no single response to this question.

4. What are the average costs paid by the local authority for a placement in an AP?

We would require date ranges to be able to respond to this

5. What percentage of children who have accessed an AP have successfully reintegrated into mainstream education?

We would require date ranges to be able to respond to this

6. Of the children currently accessing an AP, how many have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

Currently there are 19.

7. Of the children accessing an AP, how many are Looked After Children (LAC)?

Currently less than 5

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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