



My Ref: FOI/ 4665
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 wish to make a freedom of information request and would be grateful if you could supply the following information within 20 working days:

- 1. The number of children in your authority area receiving SEND support, broken down by nationality. If any individual nationality has fewer than five children please use FOI best practice and simply put "<5"**

We do not record nationality on our system. Information on SEN Support is published by the DfE and can be located at the following link: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england/2024-25>

- 2. The number of children using taxis as SEND transport support broken down by nationality. If any individual nationality has fewer than five children please use FOI best practice and simply put "<5"**

We do not record nationality on our system.

- 3. The total amount spent by your authority on SEND support, and the amount of this budget used on the hiring of taxis. Please also list all taxi firms with which your councils have a contract.**

The total High Needs SEND actual expenditure for 2024/25 is £28.9M fully funded by DSG Grant. This does not include any costs associated with hiring of taxis as these are not funded by DSG grant.

The total amount spent on hiring taxis in 24/25 is £5,310,528

The list of taxi firms can be found below:

Contractor 2024/25
24x7 LTD
A2B Travel
AA Taxis
AJ's Travel
ATS Group
BM Travel
Call & Ride
Clarkeys
DD's Taxis
GM Travel
Goodyears Coaches
Hayaa Travel
Hoylandswaine Travel
I Travel My Travel
KP Taxis

Martini Taxis
Nexus Taxis
Northern Taxis
Oakwell Travel
Platinum Travel
Redwood Travel LTD
Rimmo's
Robert Taylor Taxis
Silverline Taxis
SM Travel
Swaine Direct Taxis
Thurgoland Travel
Travel AB
Travel Direct
Venture Taxis
Wyatt Coaches

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If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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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