



My Ref: FOI/ 5458
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: -

Please provide the following information regarding the commissioning of placements for children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) in Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools (INMSS):

1. Procurement Mechanism: Does the Council commission these placements via a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), a Framework Agreement, or purely via Spot Purchasing?

2. Access: If a DPS or Framework is in place, please provide the name of the portal used (e.g., ProContract, Adam, SProc.net), the website link for that portal, and the reference number for the contract.

3. Spot Purchasing: If the Council utilizes "Spot Purchasing" for individual placements, please provide a copy of the "Pre-Placement Quality Assurance" criteria or "Vendor Onboarding" documents required for a new school to be set up as a supplier, and contact details of those responsible.

4. Sufficiency Strategy: Please provide a link to the Council's most recent "Market Position Statement" or "SEND Sufficiency Strategy" outlining future commissioning intentions.

1. The council utilises the White Rose Framework
2. [White Rose Special Educational Needs \(SEN\) School and College Placements Framework \(NEW PROVIDERS\) - Contracts Finder](#)
3. Quality assurance and supplier onboarding are undertaken through existing Council processes and are not held as a single document. As such, no information can be provided in response to this request. Responsibility for these processes lies with the Council's SEND / Education Commissioning and Corporate Finance / Procurement functions.
4. [SEND Strategy](#)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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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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