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Date: 17/04/2025  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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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: -

**Could you please supply me with the following information concerning the responsibility of local authorities for home education from the ‘Safeguarding children in Elective Home Education report’ from the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel as outlined below.**

- 1. How many formal notices from Barnsley Borough Council for the issue of a School Attendance Order under section 437 of the Education Act 1996 have been sent to parents in the last four years, from the 17th April 2021 to the 17th April 2025, breaking it down year by year.**

Below are the number of Notices issued broken down into academic years

2024/25 Autumn and Spring Term = 12

2023/24 = 18

2022/23 = less than 5

2021/22 = less than 5

2020/21 = less than 5

- 2. How many enquiries about a child’s safety and welfare where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm (section 47 Children Act 1986 / Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023) have been sent by Barnsley Borough Council to parents in the last four years, from the 17th April 2021 to the 17th April 2025, breaking it down year by year.**

Number of S47 Enquiries undertaken

| Year | Number             |
|------|--------------------|
| 2021 | 703                |
| 2022 | 1362               |
| 2023 | 1660               |
| 2024 | 1582               |
| 2025 | 470                |
|      |                    |
|      | <b>Total: 5777</b> |

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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