



My Ref: FOI/ 5241
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: -

I wish to make a freedom of information request. Please provide the following information for the years 2018 to 2024 and, if possible as of June 2025:

1) The amount allocated by your local authority, whether from direct council budget or central government departments, on adult ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages)

2) The number of participants on ESOL courses in your local authority area.

Barnsley Council does not allocate any direct council budget to ESOL. The Adult Skills Fund Grant received from DfE via South Yorkshire Combined Authority of circa £2.3 million annually supports the Council's Adult Skills and Community Learning Service which delivers a range of adult education opportunities, including ESOL, to residents of Barnsley. Allocations to ESOL from the ASF grant for the dates requested are indicated below:

| Academic Year | Participants | Amount Allocated |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 18/19 | 89 | £ 53,682.27 |
| 19/20 | 90 | £ 63,131.37 |
| 20/21 | 86 | £ 65,801.09 |
| 21/22 | 139 | £ 91,960.42 |
| 22/23 | 155 | £ 130,169.35 |
| 23/24 | 125 | £ 151,205.21 |
| 24/25 | 106 | £ 122,899.89 |

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Barnsley MBC
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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