



My Ref: FOI 5442
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 may I make the following FOI request regarding Children’s social care:

1. Please provide the name(s), email(s), and telephone number(s) of the individual(s) responsible for Short Breaks provision

- Commissioned Community short breaks- The Children’s commissioning team – childrenscommissioning@barnsley.gov.uk
- None-commissioned short breaks (direct payments/overnight short breaks) – The Disabled Children’s Service shortbreaksecs@barnsley.gov.uk

2. Do you provide grants or direct payments for Short Breaks provision?

Grants are not provided. Direct payments are provided.

- **If so, how are they paid, e.g. bank accounts, prepaid cards, eWallets**
Direct payments and third party managed accounts.
- **If not, are there any plans to provide grants or direct payments in the future?**
At this time BMBC have no plans to introduce short breaks grants.

3. Do you use on-line digital solutions to assist with the application, awarding and management of Short Breaks?

No

- **If so, who is the provider and when is the contract due to expire?**
N/A
- **If not, are you considering using digital solutions to manage and oversee your Short Breaks?**
No

4. Please provide the name(s), email(s), and telephone number(s) of the individual(s) responsible for personal budgets for education provision, e.g. SEND and EOTAS

The Children’s commissioning team – childrenscommissioning@barnsley.gov.uk

5. Does the LA work contract with or recommend external direct payment support services and with which organisations?

Yes

- **If yes, what services do they provide?**

Pay-packet and Pederels Trust

- **When is the contract due to expire?**

Agreements are established with each individual direct payment support recipient.

6. Who oversees the management of personal budgets and direct payments for children/families and what are their contact details? – i.e. name(s), email?

The Disabled Children's Service – shortbreaksecs@barnsley.gov.uk

7. How does the council pay direct payments, i.e. bank accounts, pre-paid cards or eWallets?

Direct payments and Third-party managed accounts.

8. If the council uses pre-paid cards or eWallet solutions, who is the provider and when is the contract due to expire?

The council does not use eWallet solutions and has no plans to.

9. Who is the Director of Children's Services at the council and please provide their title, name and email address?

This information is available on the council's website [Council structure and leadership team](#)

10. Who is the Assistant Director of Children's Services at the council and please provide their title, name and email address?

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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

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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