My Ref: FOI/ 5412
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 most recent data available (as of January 2025) regarding children and young people with a maintained Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are currently not on the roll of a registered educational setting or are awaiting a named placement.

44 children and young people are awaiting a placement. All children and young people awaiting a school placement are provided with an interim education offer.

Specifically, please provide a breakdown of these children by National Curriculum Year Group (e.g., Early Years/Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2... up to Post-16).

Please see attached.

Please categorize the data into the following two groups:

1. Children Awaiting Provision:
Children with an EHCP where the named educational placement is yet to be finalized, or where the child is currently out of school awaiting a start date at a named setting.

2. Education Other Than at School (EOTAS):
Children with an EHCP who are currently receiving an EOTAS package (under Section 61 of the Children and Families Act 2014) because no suitable school place is available.

EOTAS is recorded separately to awaiting provision. At the beginning of January 2026 there were an additional 25 cases recorded as EOTAS.

Preferred Format: Please provide this data in an Excel spreadsheet (.xlsx) using the row/column structure below:

Please see attached.

Clarification on "Small Numbers":
If the count for any specific Year Group is low (e.g., fewer than 5) and creates a risk of identification, please aggregate the data into Key Stages (e.g., EYFS, KS1, KS2) rather than refusing the request.

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