



My Ref: FOI 6555
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: -

Please provide me with a copy of the following information for the period 1st - 25th June 2026 (inclusive):

- 1) The number of children aged 5 - 16 who were known to be electively home educated within your authority's area.**
On 25th June 2026 1081 children were registered as EHE
- 2) The number of known electively home educated children who were identified as having a special educational need/disability (SEND).**
On 25th June 2026 there were 356 children identified as having SEND on the EHE register.
- 3) Of those home educated children identified in query 2 as having SEND, the number who had an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).**
On 25th June there were 109 children on the EHE register with an EHCP.
- 4) The number of council officers employed to work specifically with the families who are known to electively home educate a child, including job titles and annual hours of employment (eg: 1 home education liaison officer 20 hours/week term time only, 1 home education liaison officer 30 hours/week 52 weeks/year, 1 Administrative Assistant 14 hours/week term time only). If the officer does work other than with electively home educating families, please indicate how many hours are dedicated to the work supporting elective home education.**
The Education Welfare Service is made up of a Service Manager 4 Area Managers 19 Education Welfare Officers, An EHE Advisor, a Senior Data Tracking Officer and 3 Systems Support Advisors. The EWS is responsible for the registration, tracking and monitoring of children who are EHE, Our EHE Advisor is term time only, full time hours and works only with EHE families the rest of the team contribute to EHE functions to ensure children are registered and tracked, but I am unable to define the hours as this varies dependent upon service needs and demand.
- 5) The number of children aged 5 - 16 who were receiving EOTAS/EOTIS (Education Otherwise Than At/In A School).**
On 25th June 2026 30 children were registered as EOTAS

If any of the numbers varied within the specified period but you have numbers for a particular date in June, please supply those with a note of the date, thank you.

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

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Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
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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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