BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/ 4628
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: -

- **How many disputes over Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans has the council had taken to Tribunal in the years:**
    - 2025 (to June) - 43
    - 2024 - 74
    - 2023 - 40
    - 2022 - 42

- **How much money has the council spent on legal fees on these disputes, broken down by year.**

Data on tribunal costs is not recorded separately so we are unable to provide this information.

- **How many disputes that went to Tribunal were later conceded by the council. Data for 2022 and 2023 years is not recorded. Please note that 2025 data relates only to those closed so far in 2025 and is subject to change.**
    - 2025 (to June) - 2
    - 2024 - 11

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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:

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Information Requests Team
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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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