



My Ref: FOI/ 5402  
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 the following information regarding your expenditure on Independent and Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) placements for the financial year 2024/2025 (or the most recent full financial year available, e.g., 2023/24). £16,005,053 (relates to 2024/25 financial year).**

**For each of the DfE Primary Need Codes listed below, please provide:**

- The Total Number of placements currently funded in INMSS. 241
- The Average Annual Cost (fee) per placement. £77,237
- The Average Annual Cost (fee) per placement for that specific primary need type. See below

**Categories Required (based on standard DfE Census Codes):**

- ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) - £82,316
- SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) £75,827
- SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs) - £82,007
- MLD (Moderate Learning Difficulty) - £62,991
- SLD (Severe Learning Difficulty) - £57,555
- PMLD (Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty) - £53,418
- PD (Physical Disability) - £44,408
- HI/VI/MSI (Hearing/Visual/Multi-Sensory Impairment) - £43,724
- SpLD (Specific Learning Difficulty) - £65,972

**Refusal & Section 16 Advice:**

If providing the data for all categories would exceed the cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please prioritize providing data for the 'ASD' and 'SEMH' categories only.

Additionally, please clarify if placements for pupils with a primary diagnosis of ADHD are recorded within your system under the 'SEMH' category or separately. If recorded separately without exceeding the cost limit, please provide this as a distinct line item. ADHD is not recorded as a separate field so cannot be reported upon.

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](mailto: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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