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<i>y/r</i>	<i>Date</i>	30 July 2013
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<i>The person dealing with</i>		Janine Wooster
<i>this matter is:</i>		
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 July 2013 concerning 1. .Please provide a copy of your policy regarding the trialling of SEN Direct Payments and personal budgets.

2.Please confirm whether all parents/carers issued with a new or amended statement since January 2012 have been informed about their right to apply for a Direct Payment for SEN provision under the Special Educational Needs (Direct Payments) (Pilot Scheme) Order 2012. How has this information been provided? Please provide a copy of any standard leaflet or letter issued together with confirmation of the date of issue.

3.Please confirm the number of parents/carers who are receiving SEN Direct Payments and what those Direct Payments relate to.

4.Please confirm whether any of these SEN Direct Payments could be provided outside the Pathfinder project, e.g. payments under Part 6 of a statement for transport.

5.Please provide a copy of your policy for considering requests for direct payments for SEN provision. If you do not have a policy, please confirm whether there are any limits placed on direct payments applications, e.g. they will not be provided if the LA has a block contract or there is a financial limit. Please confirm whether these criteria are communicated to parents and provide a copy of that document .

6.Please confirm your arrangements for reviewing appeals against a refusal of a request for SEN Direct Payments. Please provide a copy

of any policy and any leaflet/letter issued to parents explaining this.  
7. Please confirm what information is provided to parents/carers about the trialling of personal budgets. Please provide a copy of any leaflet or letter issued.

8. Please confirm how many parents/carers are receiving a personal budget within the auspices of the Pathfinder project?

9. Please confirm how parents/carers in receipt of SEN Direct Payments/ personal budgets obtained the information to make an application. For example, were they:

(a) sent the information with a new or amended statement

(b) recruited as part of a specific pilot

(c) neither (a) or (b), the family approached the LA having heard about SEN Direct Payments/personal budgets from other sources

10. Please provide a copy of your local offer..

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by London Borough of Bexley. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

If you are considering making use of this information, please consider whether the Reuse of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005 apply. Details of these regulations are available on Bexley Council's website at this address,  
<http://www.bexley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2361>

If you have any questions, please contact me on 02030455025 or  
xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can make a complaint and request a review by writing to:

Complaint and Freedom of Information Officer  
London Borough of Bexley  
Civic Offices  
Bexleyheath  
Kent  
DA6 7LB

Or by email to xxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx

You also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Wilmslow

Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone 0303 123 1133/01625 545 745  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

Janine Wooster  
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Children's Social Care, Safeguarding & SEN