

19 September 2017  
Our ref: 3872096

Thank you for your request received on 1 September 2017, for the following information:

Dear Library Service,

Hello. I have two requests that shouldn't be much trouble.

1. Could you answer if the library service or local authority completes annual CIPFA library stats. These are as detailed here:

<http://www.cipfa.org/services/statistics/comparative-profiles/public-libraries>

2. If the answer to the above is Yes, please could you send your 2017 CIPFA library stats return (covering financial year 2016/2017)?

It is important that this should be sent in the exact format (a copy of the same file) that is sent to CIPFA.

To try and pre-empt any concerns about this request, there is no reason why the authority should not be able to also supply this data to third parties as well as CIPFA. It's subject to Freedom of Information, without exemption, as it is data that is compiled and held by the authority.

There are many examples of previous Freedom of Information requests for this data. Only one seemed to be rejected, by Derbyshire County Council, based on their belief that it was exempt as it would be possible to obtain these from CIPFA. This was clearly wrong though, and was overturned on appeal by the Solicitor for the Director of Legal Services in that Council.

If you're interested (though it's not very interesting) you can read it through here: [https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/cipfa\\_2](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/cipfa_2)

But anyway, it'll be a good thing so don't worry!  
Yours faithfully,

Dave Rowe

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached.

**1. Could you answer if the library service or local authority completes annual CIPFA library stats. These are as detailed here:**

**<http://www.cipfa.org/services/statistics/comparative-profiles/public-libraries>**

Yes Barnet completes an annual return to CIPFA. This always relates to data from the previous financial year. The last return thus relates to 2016/17.

**2. If the answer to the above is Yes, please could you send your 2017 CIPFA library stats return (covering financial year 2016/2017)?**

Please see the attached document.

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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