

6 December 2018

Our ref: 4868428

Thank you for your request received on 7 November 2018, for the following information:

am requesting data from two-time periods (January-June 2017 and January-June 2018). I am aware that in cases where gathering data to fully respond to a Freedom of Information request would exceed the allowable time limit or cost, authorities are not required to work up to these limits (that is, they are not required to partially respond and provide as much data as the limit allows). However, I ask that if providing data for both time periods will exceed the limit, that you please just provide data for the single time period January-June 2018, in accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that states authorities have a duty to provide assistance to those making a request.

Please provide data for the following questions:

1. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 did the council receive from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status in the following six-month periods:

- a. January ' June 2018
- b. January ' June 2017

2. How many Child in Need Assessments were conducted by the council in response to requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status in the following six-month periods:

- a. January ' June 2018
- b. January ' June 2017

3. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status were granted (that is, the family went on to receive social services support) in the following six-month periods:

- a. January ' June 2018
- b. January ' June 2017

4. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status were refused for the following reasons, during the period January-June 2018:

- a. The parents' immigration status

- b. The family was not ordinarily resident in the borough
- c. The family was deemed not destitute / the child(ren) was not 'in need' under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

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

Response

1. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 did the council receive from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status in the following six-month periods:

- a. **January – June 2018**
- b. **January – June 2017**

We are unable to provide this information because we are unable to run a report from our case management system for initial contacts relating to families with NRPF. This would therefore require a manual check of all referrals for that period. We estimate that referrals for January – June 2018 would be approximately 2000 cases, and that it would take approximately 2 minutes to check each record (approximately 66 hours) and we are unable to provide this information within the limits of Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. We are therefore refusing this part of your request.

2. How many Child in Need Assessments were conducted by the council in response to requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status in the following six-month periods:

- a. **January – June 2018**
- b. **January – June 2017**

Please see response to Q1

3. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status were granted (that is, the family went on to receive social services support) in the following six-month periods:

- a. **January – June 2018**
- b. **January – June 2017**

a. Between January 2017 and June 2017 we supported 13 new families with NRPF.

b. Between January 2017 and June 2017 we supported 8 new families with NRPF.

4. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status were refused for the following reasons, during the period January-June 2018:

- a. **The parents' immigration status**
- b. **The family was not ordinarily resident in the borough**
- c. **The family was deemed not destitute / the child(ren) was not 'in need' under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989.**

Please see response to Q1

Advice and Assistance

To enable us to respond to your request within the remit of Section 12, you may wish to consider reducing the time parameters of your request.

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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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.