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Our ref: 6071688

Thank you for your request received on 10 February 2020, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding your early years sufficiency reporting.

According to the DfE's Early education and childcare Statutory guidance for local authorities, in accordance to the Childcare Act 2006 and the Childcare Act 2016, LAs are required by legislation to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is 'reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children)'.

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Local Authorities are requested to report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare. LA's are also obliged to make this data available and accessible to parents.

Therefore, I would like to request your most recent evidence of this reporting, and where parents are able to access this.

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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**Please see below the link to our Childcare Sufficiency Document.**

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s51546/Appendix%201%20-%20Childcare%20Sufficiency%20Assessment.pdf>

**We are in the process of updating the CSA which will be presented to the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee in due course, following which it will be published**

### **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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