



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW

31 July 2019

Our ref: 5448428

Ms Clare Sanderson
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Dear Ms Sanderson

Thank you for your request for information received on 2 July 2019 for the following information :

- 1. Do you currently have your own "In House" Service, preferred suppliers list or master vendor contract in place for your Supervised Contact Service for children in care?***
- 2. If you have a contract in place, when will this be due for renewal and what is your process for announcing, advertising and applying for this opportunity?***
- 3. If you have your own "In House" Service, do you ever spot purchase to support this service and would the service ever be put out for tender?***
- 4. Do you have any intention to review the existing provisions in place for your Supervised Contact Service?***
- 5. What is the council's annual spend and forecasted spend on outsourced agencies for supervised contact for 2018 - 2019 and 2019 - 2020?***
- 6. What is the name and contact details for the procurement and placement officer who is responsible for this service?.***

We are processing this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Council holds the information you are requesting. The Act requires us to respond to request promptly and in any case within 20 working days from the date we received your request. However we are considering whether some of this information is exempt under s.22 as its is intended for future publication and we need further time to carry out the public interest test. This is where we need to balance the public interest in disclosing the information against the public interest in withholding it.

We estimate that it will take an additional 20 days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies. Therefore, we will respond by 30 August 2019 at the very latest. However we are aiming to get this over to you much more quickly.

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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Yours sincerely

Chris Lloyd
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