

31 July 2019
Our ref: 5448428

Thank you for your request 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 have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

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?

In-house service

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?

N/A no contract in place.

**Any tenders would be advertised on the Curtis Fitch procurement portal.
Organisations would be required to register and complete this process**

whereby they will receive alerts through for when tenders go live. The link is:
www.barnetsourcing.co.uk

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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?

We have spot purchased in the past.

Unable to comment if the service will ever go out to tender, however if this was to ever take place organisations will be alerted via the above route in question 2.

4. Do you have any intention to review the existing provisions in place for your Supervised Contact Service?

We continuously review all our services as a matter of best practice.

5. What is the council's annual spend and forecasted spend on outsourced agencies for supervised contact for 2018 - 2019 and 2019 - 2020?

The current spend for 2018-19 for outsourced agencies has been £28,172.80.

The forecasted spend for 2019-20 would be £35,000.

6. What is the name and contact details for the procurement and placement officer who is responsible for this service?

For any procurement queries you may contact Tas Anjary, Senior Commissioner on tasneem.anjary@barnet.gov.uk

For service queries you can contact Dermot Kelly, Manager for Corporate Parenting xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx

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.

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