

30 October 2017
Our ref: 3929797

Thank you for your request received on 3 October 2017, for the following information:

How many FOI requests did you receive in the year Jan 1st 2016 - Dec 31st 2016 (or your equivalent business/financial year), and;

How many FOI Section 21 exemptions did you employ during this same time period?

How many Subject Access Requests did you receive in the year Jan 1st 2016 to Dec 31st 2016 (or your equivalent business/financial year), and;

How many FOI Section 40(1) exemptions did you employ during this same time period?

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet because of the reasons given below.

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

How many FOI requests did you receive in the year Jan 1st 2016 - Dec 31st 2016 (or your equivalent business/financial year), and;

2101

How many FOI Section 21 exemptions did you employ during this same time period?

175

How many Subject Access Requests did you receive in the year Jan 1st 2016 to Dec 31st 2016 (or your equivalent business/financial year), and;

162

How many FOI Section 40(1) exemptions did you employ during this same time period?

0. If a FOI request were received which should be dealt with more appropriately under the Data Protection Act 1998 we would informally advise the applicant of the correct procedure to follow and withdraw the FOI 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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: xxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) The London Borough of Barnet, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London, N11 1NP

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.