

21 September 2016

Our ref: 3027296

Thank you for your request received on 14 September 2016, for the following information:

I make this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please release to me the following information:

- The names and addresses of buildings owned by the council which are currently inhabited by property guardians.
- The number of people in each property.
- The rent charged to live in each property.
- The name of the property guardian company used by the council.
- The council's policy on the use of property guardians to secure vacant buildings.
- A copy of the contract property guardians must sign to live in the properties.

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 some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

- The names and addresses of buildings owned by the council which are currently inhabited by property guardians.

The council does not hold the information in respect of residential properties owned by the council.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

Barnet House

1255 High Road

London N20 0EJ.

For non residential properties owned by the council those currently inhabited by guardians are as follows:

Daws Lane NW7

The Old Barn, Fallows Close N2

Rosa Freedman Centre Claremont Way N2

The Former British Legion, Legion Way, Summers Lane, North Finchley, N12

- The number of people in each property.

Please see the attached spread sheet.

- The rent charged to live in each property.

Please see the attached spread sheet.

- The name of the property guardian company used by the council.

Ad Hoc.

- The council's policy on the use of property guardians to secure vacant buildings.

This is not held by the council as there is no policy. A decision is made on each case based on its individual circumstances.

- A copy of the contract property guardians must sign to live in the properties.

A sample copy of the council's contract is attached. The council does not hold a copy of the contract that individual guardians sign and these are not held on the council's behalf by Ad Hoc.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds, we recommend that you take a look at Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This is an important tool in pushing forward Barnet's Transparency Agenda, bringing together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access: <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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 FOI Officer at: The London Borough of Barnet, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London, N11 1NP (email foi@barnet.gov.uk).

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.