

22 May 2019
Our ref: 5288428

Thank you for your request received on 1 May 2019, for the following information:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1) Please can you identify:

a. How many tenants in general needs council run properties that are 30m/10 storeys and above have been identified as being vulnerable and/or in potential need of assistance to evacuate in an emergency?

(you previously stated this was 11, can you confirm this is still correct)

b. Of those identified in 1a ' how many does your council have a record of being contacted by the council to discuss emergency evacuation?

c. Of those identified in 1b ' how many of these require additional assistance to evacuate in an emergency? By this I mean the use of specialist equipment such as but not limited to evacuation chairs, evacuation lifts, assistance by council staff, horizontal evacuation.

2) How many general needs tower blocks over 30m/10 storeys does the council have responsibility for directly managing?

3) Of the tower blocks identified in Q2, how many have had the means of escape assessed to ensure that evacuation methods can be put in place for vulnerable people? May I request a copy of these assessments if complete for each relevant building.

4) Of the tower blocks identified in Q2, how many have:

- o Evacuation lifts**
- o Firefighting lifts**
- o Horizontal evacuation**
- o Refuges**
- o Ramps**
- o Disabled evacuation signage**
- o Staff designated and trained to help in the case of an emergency evacuation**

If possible, please state the name and address of the blocks that have these installed.

If you need any further information from me in order to deal with my request, please call me on 07906037947

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please contact me as soon as possible (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary I can modify the request.

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file.

If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the material, explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this request.

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 the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet. It will be held by Barnet Homes who are a public body in their own right.

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

If you are dissatisfied with the response in any way, there is a complaints process which can be found at **Annex A**.

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: foi@barnet.gov.uk. 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.

Annex A – Making an appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review by emailing the Council's Data Protection Officer email: data.protection@barnet.gov.uk (Please quote the reference number above) or by writing to:

The Data Protection Officer

Information Management Team

London Borough of Barnet

North London Business Park

Oakleigh Road South

London N11 1NP

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Data Protection Act 2018. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

website at www.ico.gov.uk.

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Textphone: 01625 545860

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm

You can also chat online with an advisor.

There is no charge for making an appeal.