

7 June 2019  
Our ref: 5371128

Thank you for your request received on 6 June 2019, for the following information:

- 1. How many public health funerals has your council carried out each year for these financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?**
- 2. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?**
- 3. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?**
- 4. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+**
- 5. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated, how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave.**

**For clarity and comparative accuracy, I have included a table with headers which may help you interpret my questions above. I would be grateful, if possible, if you could provide the information in this way.**

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.

However, we believe that the exemption detailed below apply to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

Section 21 relates to information reasonably accessible by other means. We regularly publish social care activity data on our website, and are therefore applying an absolute exemption to part of your request under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

This information is published on open.barnet. Please use the following link to access this information:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset?tag=Bona%20Vacantia>

### **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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.