

18 June 2019 Our ref: 5338228

Thank you for your request received on 20 May 2019, for the following information:

1. The number of Appeals received in February 2019 and March 2019

2. The number of appeals resolved in favour of the benefit claimant

3. The average time for response for appeals received in February and March 2019

4. The number of appeals received from non-British claimants

5. The number of appeals resolved in favour of non-British claimants

6. Average time for response for appeals received in February and March 2019, made by non-British claimants

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

1. Number of appeals received	February 19 48	March 19 55
2. Number of appeals in favour of claimant	11	3
3. Average response time for appeals received in Feb/Mar 2019	44.5 days	69.2 days
4. Number of appeals received from non- British claimants	15	17
5. Number of appeals in favour of non-British claimants	2	3
6. Average response time for appeals received in Feb/Mar 19 for non-British claimants	81.5 days	67 days

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. <u>http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</u>

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Your rights

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