

8 July 2019
Our ref: 5392728

Thank you for your request received on 14 June 2019, for the following information:

May you please supply me with the following information.

- 1. The total number of schools overseen by the council i.e Barnet Council is responsible for 70 schools within the area (55 secondary schools and 15 primary schools)**
- 2. The number of total number of teaching staff employed within these schools i.e 300 teaching staff are employed within the 70 schools overseen by Barnet Council**
- 3. Between 2015 and 2019, may you please detail how many teachers have been suspended, disciplined, or dismissed for the following**
 - * alcohol and /or drug usage**
 - * accused of having some form of sexual relationship with a student**
 - * accused of bullying fellow staff**
 - * accused of sexual harassment against fellow staff**
 - * accused of violence against staff**
 - * accused of violence against pupils**

May you please provide the figures per financial year between 2015 and 2019 (2019-18/ 2018-17/ 2017-6/ 2016-15) i.e in the financial year 2017-18, 12 teaching staff were disciplined following accusations of bullying fellow staff
My preferred mode of access to this information is electronic.

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

Response

May you please supply me with the following information.

- 1. The total number of schools overseen by the council i.e. Barnet Council is responsible for 70 schools within the area (55 secondary schools and 15 primary schools)**
Please see breakdown below:

Primary:

40 Community Schools
3 Foundation Schools

33 Voluntary Aided Schools

All-through:

2 Voluntary Aided Schools

Secondary:

1 Community School

5 Voluntary Aided Schools

Special Schools:

3 Community Schools

PRU/Hospital Schools:

2

2. The number of total number of teaching staff employed within these schools i.e. 300 teaching staff are employed within the 70 schools overseen by Barnet Council

We do not hold this information. Please note you will need to contact individual schools.

Please see the link below:

https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/directories/Directories.html?_pecid=373ac375-9115-4d18-8a58-ce6098691e0a&directoryId=54e3852a84ae7c28725849d1&list=true

Schools (including academies) are considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be public authorities in their own rights, and are subject to the FOIA in the same way as the council (albeit with different timescales to meet). It is therefore correct that the council does not hold this information, and that individual schools would need to be contacted.

3. Between 2015 and 2019, may you please detail how many teachers have been suspended, disciplined, or dismissed for the following

- **alcohol and /or drug usage**
- **accused of having some form of sexual relationship with a student**
- **accused of bullying fellow staff**
- **accused of sexual harassment against fellow staff**
- **accused of violence against staff**
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Please see response to Question 2

We do not hold this information. We can only provide information of referrals made to the Local Authority Designated Safeguarding Officer, however these referrals cannot be broken down into the categories requested due to the time it would take to compile the data. For example, for 2018-19 we would have to check 370 referrals. It would take approximately 10 minutes to check each file against the requested categories. Therefore, 370 x 10 = 3,700 minutes (61 hours).

Please see refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice

Section 12 of FOIA states that the council does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit of £450 calculated at £25 per hour with a limit of 18 hours. The appropriate limit relates strictly to the process of determining whether the information is held; locating, retrieving and extracting the information, or a document containing it.

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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Your rights

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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.