

15 July 2019
Our ref: 5404328

Thank you for your request received on 18 June 2019, for the following information:

Can you tell us how many young carers* (aged 17 years and under) you have listed in your local authority area for the following years April to March: 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19.

*** Can you tell us the source of your information on numbers of young carers* in your local authority area.**

*** Can you tell us how many of those young carers* (ages 17 years and under) identified in question 1 ' have had assessments, for the following years April to March: 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19.**

*** Can you tell us how many young carers assessments you have carried out in your local authority area for the following years April to March: 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19.**

***definition of a young carer: A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.**

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

Response

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

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This is based on data held by the Barnet Young Carers Advisory Centre

2017/18 There were 725 young carers identified by 31.3.2018.

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2018/19 There were 843 young carers identified in Q3 during 2018-19).

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By March 2019, this total reduced to 772 due to young people leaving the service or turning 18 and being supported through Barnet's service to support adult carers.

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Barnet Family Services holds a contract with Carers Trust (Barnet Carers Centre) for carer assessment and support to carers. The service for young carers delivered under this contract is known as the Barnet Young Carers Advisory Centre.

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Here are the number of young carer (ages 17 years and under) assessments completed:

2016/17 – 34

2017/18 - 68

2018/19 – 148

These figures include the carers identified above.

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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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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.

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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.

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