5 August 2019
Our ref: 5446930

Thank you for your request received on 5 July 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you, please see detailed below:

1. The current length of the OT waiting list. Please include:
The total number of cases
The approximate wait in months for an OT assessment.
Please break this information down between Adults and Paediatrics.
A breakdown of case category numbers i.e. DFG, Moving & Handling

2. Whether you have used an external independent occupational therapy organisation in the last 12 months (1st May 2018 -30th April 2019) and if so:
Their name
The number of cases outsourced and a cost paid per assessment (on average if easier) The total value spent with them during this timeframe If the work was tendered If the supplier is under a contract what is the end contract date.

3. If there are any current vacant posts in the OT team and the total unspent salary value of these posts for the past 12 months (1st May 2018 - 30th April 2019)

4. The name, email and contact number of the person responsible for commissioning independent OT assessments on behalf of the Council.

I had previously requested information from you on 2nd May 2019, which I was advised a response would be received within 20 working days, I fully understand you will be inundated with requests and other tasks, meaning a response within 20 working days could not be achievable.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request to obtain the information.

If you can identify any other ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance as I am keen to know more about Occupational Therapy within the council.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will

be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response

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:

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As at 21.07.19:

Incoming OT assessments – excluding DFG referrals :

There are 402 referrals awaiting OT assessment.

Of these the longest waiting for an assessment is 29 March 2019

Out of 402, 107 are for the provision of major adaptation,

12 non urgent manual handling reviews

and the remaining 283 referrals are for equipment and minor adaptation provision.

Urgent manual handling requests are referred and dealt with by short term OT access Team with assessments completed within 5 working days.

Paediatric assessments are completed by Family Services. See attachment *.*

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We have not used any external OT organisation in the past 12 months.

3. If there are any current vacant posts in the OT team and the total unspent salary value of these posts for the past 12 months (1st May 2018 - 30th April 2019)

As from March 2019 there are no vacant OT posts across the service. There was no unspent salary budget.

4. The name, email and contact number of the person responsible for commissioning independent OT a ssessments on behalf of the Council.

The Head of Service responsible for the OT Service is Monica Przyzcka 020 8359 4979 (via business support) and monica.przyzcka@barnet.gov.uk

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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