



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
30 July 2019
Our ref: 5477528

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

To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following:

- * A full total and breakdown of money spent by this council/authority supporting and/or endorsing LGBT+ foundations/causes/awareness/charities/training days in the past five financial years.**
- * A specification of any relevant LGBT+ events or training (dates/where they were held/who money was paid to) within that time period.**
- * A full total and breakdown of money spent on LGBT+ paraphernalia by the council in the past five financial years.**

Please acknowledge this FOI request by reply with a reference on receipt.

If I am mistaken and the information requested is already in the public domain, or if you have already published a similar response, please direct me to where I can find it. If you have published some of the requested information already but not all, can you please point me towards what you had already published and fill in the gaps by reply?

If you feel you cannot provide all of this information, please provide what information you can in the spirit of Section 16 of FoI, to 'provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information'.

Please send me the information by email. Please provide me with a summary of the information I have requested.

Please send me the information requested in an xlsx file.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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Barnet Council is proud of our diverse communities and supports Barnet being an inclusive and welcoming place where all of our communities co-exist happily. Like all public bodies we are bound by law to advance equality of opportunity for everyone in our borough who shares a protected characteristic as defined in the Equality Act 2010, and to foster good relations between these groups and other members of our community. While sexual orientation is one of the characteristics, we have not specifically funded training, events, awareness raising or individual organisations that has been solely focused on LGBT+. This would be included within our general approach to equalities, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

This year we flew the rainbow flag from some council buildings to mark Pride month.

The total cost of purchasing three flags was £169.85. This was promoted through our social media channels, but except for staff time there was no financial cost to this.

We have also fundraised through a cake sale during Pride in support of the charity Switchboard.

In 2018 our Barnet Equalities Allies (NEA) held a staff awareness-raising event to celebrate LGBT History Month.

BEA are a voluntary group who gave their own time to this at no cost to the council

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

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.

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. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.