

1 August 2019  
Our ref: 5509720

Thank you for your request received on 30 July 2019, for the following information:

To whom it may concern,

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:**

**1.) How many children have suffered severe allergic reactions in schools in your area in each of the following years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18**

**And for each instance, please tell us:**

- \* What was the allergic reaction?**
- \* What action was taken?**
- \* Did this result in hospitalisation or death?**
- \* Was an investigation launched?**

**2.) How many parents have withdrawn children from schools in your area because of severe allergies in each of the following years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18**

**And for each instance, please tell us:**

- \* Which school?**
- \* Why did the parents feel the need to take the child out?**
- \* Was any action taken against the school?**

**As you know, under the act you are required to provide a response within 20 days. Please send your response to this email address only.**

**If you do not provide the information requested, you must explain the legal basis for the information being withheld. If you decline part of the request due to information being sensitive, the request being too vague, or reasonable cost being exceeded, you must still provide the part you can fulfil.**

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

**Response**

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Do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further clarification.

We do not hold this information. You will need to contact schools directly.

Please see the link below:

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

If you are dissatisfied with the response in any way, there is a complaints process which can be found at **Annex A**.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.

### **Annex A – Making an appeal**

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review by emailing the Council's Data Protection Officer email: [data.protection@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:data.protection@barnet.gov.uk) (Please quote the reference number above) or by writing to:

The Data Protection Officer  
Information Management Team  
London Borough of Barnet  
North London Business Park  
Oakleigh Road South  
London N11 1NP

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Data Protection Act 2018. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Textphone: 01625 545860

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm

You can also chat online with an advisor.

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