

London Borough of Barnet,
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Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 5490260

Thank you for your request received on 24 July 2019, for the following information:

Please can you help me with the following FOI request?

1) How many council owned public children's play areas (by which I mean parks, playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, assault courses and any other play areas) do you currently operate (latest figures available)

2) How many council owned public children's play areas did you own or operate in the financial year 2009/2010

3) How many council owned public children's play areas were sold, or closed, from the financial year 2009/2010 to the present date?

4) If the figures are held, what was the area covered by children's play areas that you owned measured by square feet in 2009/10, and on the most recent date for which figures are available?

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

1) How many council owned public children's play areas (by which I mean parks, playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, assault courses and any other play areas) do you currently operate (latest figures available)

50

2) How many council owned public children's play areas did you own or operate in the financial year 2009/2010

We do not hold a breakdown of these figures however it has been around 50 for this period.

3) How many council owned public children's play areas were sold, or closed, from the financial year 2009/2010 to the present date?

Two have been temporarily closed (one in 2017-18 and one in 2019-20) due to redevelopments but will be re-provided as part of the projects

4) If the figures are held, what was the area covered by children's play areas that you owned measured by square feet in 2009/10, and on the most recent date for which figures are available?

Information not held

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, 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.