

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 13 August 2019 Our ref: 5466728

Thank you for your request received on 15 July 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to request for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:-

As of summer 2019:

a) How many council homes Barnet Council currently has in its housing stock?

b) How many properties within council estates in the borough have not been reinhabited since the previous tenants vacated the property?

- This could be due to either suitable tenants not being found or the estate itself is scheduled for regeneration or demolition or the estate itself is no longer suitable for inhabitation for other reasons.

I would expect the respective reasons for not moving new tenants into the properties.

I do not expect the addresses of the individual properties for obvious reasons but just the relevant statistics. I would like the answer per e-mail.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet because Barnet Homes

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

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Please see attached spreadsheet

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I have been asked to enable your Freedom of Information request below. I have checked and all the information will be held by Barnet Homes who are a public authority in their own right so you would need to contact them directly.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

Barnet House

1255 High Road

London N20 0EJ

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. <u>http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</u>

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 <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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: <u>foi@barnet.gov.uk</u>. 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.