

15 August 2019
Our ref: 5546280

Thank you for your request received on 12 August 2019, for the following information:

Can you please answer the questions below, on procurement of non stun meat for schools, to inform our understanding of where non stun meat is being procured and who is eating it?

By non stun meat we mean any meat where the animal was not rendered insensible to pain (stunned) before being slaughtered. In England, this means all meat that is certified shechita (kosher) and some (not all) that is certified halal.

- 1. Do schools in your area procure their own meat supplies?**
- 2. If they do not, is this a function that is undertaken by the local authority or outsourced to a third party?**
- 3. Is non stun meat procured for consumption in schools?**
- 4. If non stun meat is procured, is this:**
 - a) For consumption by all?**
 - b) If it is for consumption by all, can pupils opt out of eating non stun meat?**
 - c) For consumption only by pupils who request it?**
- 5. If you currently procure non stun meat for consumption in schools, have you considered changing this practice and only procuring meat that is stunned before slaughter?**

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

Response

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5. If you currently procure non stunned meat for consumption in schools, have you considered changing this practice and only procuring meat that is stunned before slaughter?

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?_pecid=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.

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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