

22 August 2019
Our ref: 5555482

Thank you for your request received on 16 August 2019, for the following information:

I am emailing with an FOI for which I believe you will have data available.

Please provide me with:

A) The total number of public health funerals paid for by the council, broken down by the past three financial years (2018/19, 2017/18, 2016/17), including the total cost the council incurred.

B) For 2018/19 alone, please provide me with:

- i) the age and gender of each person who had a public health funeral**
- ii) for each person, the number of working days after the council was first contacted about arranging a public health funeral that the funeral was held**

This is a polite reminder that data protection and Section 40 doesn't apply to people who have died so you should be able to give me the information even if the numbers are small.

Please see an example below of how I would like the data presented.

Request A

Financial year The total number of public health funerals paid for by the council The total cost of public health funerals paid for by the council
2018/19 EG 10 EG £15,000
2017/18 EG 4 EG £20,000
2016/17 EG 8 EG £19,000

Request B

The age of each person who had a public health funeral in 2018/19 The gender of the person who had a public health funeral in 2018/19 The number of working days after the council was first contacted about arranging a public health funeral that the funeral was held
Eg 58 male EG 28 working days

Please provide me with the information as a downloadable Excel file and not as a Word or PDF document.

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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Refusal Notice

We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

Please visit [Open.Barnet.gov.uk](https://open.barnet.gov.uk) and you're able to access the data requested by the link provided below.

Data is updated quarterly or annually as and when data is available.

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/public-health-funerals-2018-19>

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

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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.