



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 5635296

Thank you for your request received on 17 September 2019, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a request for Business Rates information, to be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you answer the following questions;

- 1. Do you hold NDR credit data?**
- 2. Do you publish NDR credit data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the NDR credit data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)**
- 3. Do you release NDR credit data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)**
- 4. Do you hold NDR credit write ons?**
- 5. Do you publish NDR credit write on data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the NDR credit data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)**
- 6. Do you release NDR credit write on data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)**
- 7. Do you publish NDR occupier data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)**
- 8. Do you release NDR occupier data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)**
- 9. Could I have your direct business rates team email address and phone**

number?

Thanks for your co-operation. I look forward to your response.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

Please can you answer the following questions;

1. Do you hold NDR credit data?

Credit data is available on the Open Barnet data portal using the following link:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/business-rates--nndr----accounts-in-credit>

2. Do you publish NDR credit data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the NDR credit data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)

The information is updated twice per year and we aim to publish the data in January and July

3. Do you release NDR credit data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)

N/A. All FOI requests are responded to within the statutory time frame. Often s.21 (information readily available elsewhere) will be engaged to direct the requester to published information. The council pro-actively publishes data in the interests of transparency.

4. Do you hold NDR credit write ons?

Information on credit write ons for National Non-Domestic Rates is not held

5. Do you publish NDR credit write on data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the NDR credit data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)

Information on credit write ons for National Non-Domestic Rates is not held

6. Do you release NDR credit write on data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)

N/A. All FOI requests are responded to within the statutory time frame. Often S.21 (information readily available elsewhere) will be engaged to direct the requester to

published information. The council pro-actively publishes data in the interests of transparency.

7. Do you publish NDR occupier data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/businessratesregister> - this shows occupied properties

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/empty-commercial-properties> - this shows empty properties

8. Do you release NDR occupier data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable).

N/A

9. Could I have your direct business rates team email address and phone number?

Business Rates e-mail address: businessrates@barnet.gov.uk

Business Rates telephone number: 0208 359 2735

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

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.