



Assurance Group  
London Borough of Barnet,  
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London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 5630632

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

**I am writing to obtain information relating to Brexit preparations at your council. Please can you supply the following information:**

- How much has been spent, per annum since 2016, on preparations and planning for Brexit**
- How many extra members of staff have been hired to prepare for Brexit**
- What, if any, have you been instructed told to stockpile (List form preferable)**
- An itemized list of all revenue and capital spending on Brexit for per annum 2017-19. Please specify the individual payment, the purpose of the payment, and the cost; 2. An itemised list of all planned revenue and capital spending on Brexit for the per annum 2019-20.**
- At the time you respond to this request, how many care service providers have contacted you to warn of a risk to service delivery?**

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 providing the link to that information (Please see the formal exemption Notice below).

A report titled 'Brexit Preparedness', was presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> October which provides the information you have requested. This can be accessed via the following link:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s55368/Brexit%20Preparedness.pdf>

The sections in which you can find the requested information are outlined below:

**- How much has been spent, per annum since 2016, on preparations and planning for Brexit**

Section 11.2

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**- What, if any, have you been instructed told to stockpile (List form preferable)**

No instructions to stockpile, more information in Section 5.7

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**Section 11.2 - At the time you respond to this request, how many care service providers have contacted you to warn of a risk to service delivery?**

Section 5.3.5

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.

**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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