

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 27 November 2019 Our ref: 5788969

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

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following data:

I would like to know how many complaints have been received by London Borough of Barnet since January 1 2014.

- \* I would like this information broken down into months.
- \* I would like the figures to be divided up into the different categories that can be complained about (environmental, parking ticket, planning application, trading standards, schools, children's social care, adult social care, councillor conduct).

I would like this information in a spreadsheet please, with the data for complaints and compliments on separate forms.

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 Enter the reason why the information requested is not held

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

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Corporate complaints held by Financial Year

https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/complaints-received-2014-15 https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/complaints---received-2015-16 https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/complaints---received-2016-17 https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/complaints---received-2017-18

2019-20 not yet published but will be in due course.

Procedures for handling complaints about Councillors are handled separately, outside of the Corporate Complaints process

Please see attached spreadsheet

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49788/20AProcedurefordealingwithcomplaints.docx.pdf

2016-17

Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee - Thursday 16th March, 2017

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https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s38533/Appendix%20A%20-%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20Allegations%20-%202016-17.pdf

2017-18

Constitution and General Purposes Committee - Monday 22nd October, 2018

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=174&MID=9502#Al2657 5

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s48989/Appendix%20A%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20Allegations%20201718.pdf

2018-19

Constitution and General Purposes Committee - Tuesday 25th June, 2019 7.00 pm

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=174&MID=9854

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s53166/Code%20of%20Conduct%20Allegations%20201819.pdf

Complaints about schools are a seperate process and the schools have their own systems for dealing with them. The London Boorugh of Barnet Education and Skills team does not hold school complaint information.

## **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>

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: <a href="mailto:foi@barnet.gov.uk">foi@barnet.gov.uk</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.