



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
22 November 2019
Our ref: 5789069

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you give me details on the amount of money spent hiring celebrities. They may have been hired to present awards, record video/audio clips, turn on Christmas lights, visit a local school or for any other purpose.

For each of the last five years (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015), please state:

- 1) Which celebrity was hired to make an appearance.**
- 2) What they were hired to do.**
- 3) When they were hired.**
- 4) How much they were paid.**
- 5) If they were given anything in lieu of payment ' eg night in a hotel, cab fares etc**
- 6) In some instances a celebrity may have asked the money be paid to charity. If you have a record of this, please say how much and which charity.**

Preferred format: Microsoft Excel/ Machine readable

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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- 1) Which celebrity was hired to make an appearance.***

Bob Mills and Carrie Grant

- 2) What they were hired to do.***

Bob Mills was our host for the evening of Our Staff Awards 2016 and 2017
Carrie Grant was present at Special Education Needs and Disabilities Conference

- 3) When they were hired.***

Bob Mills was hired before the events in June 2016 and 2017
Carrie Grant in October 2019

4) How much they were paid.

Bob Mills was paid £2500 for each event this money was funded by £2500 sponsorship for each event we obtained for Customer Service Group ' Capita

Carrie Grant was paid £1500+VAT

5) If they were given anything in lieu of payment ' eg night in a hotel, cab fares etc.

No this was a one off cost.

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N/A - no information held

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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