



London Borough of Barnet,
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Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
3 December 2019
Our ref: 5775969

Thank you for your request received on 7 November 2019, for the following information:

This application for disclosure of the documents specified below is being made pursuant to s.1 Freedom of Information Act 2000.

s.8(1)(c) FOI 2000: Documents Requested

Currently conducting research into the prevalence of parricide (child-parent homicide) in England and Wales between 2005-2017. As you will be aware pursuant to s.9(3) Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 since 2011 local authorities are required to conduct multi-agency Domestic Homicide Review's (DHR's) in circumstances where the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person to whom they were related to. In accordance with this statutory provision and, disclosure is requested for the following DHR reports:

· Victim Name: and Date of Death: supplied

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

All final Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) are published on our website at:

The case to which you refer is an ongoing one which will be published when completed.

Refusal Notice

S22 – Information intended for future publication

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 (Information intended for future publication) applies as the Council has a settled intention to publish the information.

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption, we are also required to decide, on a case by case basis, whether the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

The public interest means what is in the best interests of the public not what is of interest to the public.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Furthering the understanding and participation in the public debate of issues of the day.
- Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them.
- Promoting accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.
- Allowing individuals, companies and other bodies to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives.
- Bringing to light information affecting public health and safety.

Factors in favour of withholding

Given the nature of the exemption in this case, i.e. that the exempted information is intended for future publication it is our opinion that none of these factors weigh in favour of the public interest in disclosing that information over maintaining the exemption as none of these factors would be prejudiced by waiting for the publication of the latest information.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information until the scheduled publication date. Therefore, the information is not provided to you.

Under Section 7(78)(f) of the Home Office Multi-Agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews December 2016, Community Safety Partnerships must ensure that documents are not published until clearance has been received from the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel.

The Partnership has not yet received a date for the Quality Assurance Panel at which the DHR will be assessed.

Once the report has been finalised it will be published

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/community/community-safety/domestic-abuse-and-violence-against-women-and-girls/domestic-homicide>

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.