

16 December 2019

Our ref: 5807632

Thank you for your request received on 18 November 2019, for the following information:

- . **How many public libraries have been shut in your borough in each year since 2015?**
- . **How many public libraries in total has your council run in each year since 2015**
- . **What is the modal average number of hours open per week for public libraries in your borough in each year since 2015?**
- . **How many public libraries in your borough are open after 17:00 on at least one weekday?**
- . **In each year since 2015, how many borough owned community centres have ceased to operate?**
- . **In each year since 2015, how many borough owned youth centres have ceased to operate?**
- . **In each year since 2015, what has been the total funding provided by your borough for publicly accessible community venues?**
- . **How many premises licensed for the sale of alcohol were there in your borough in each year from 2015 to the present?**

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

How many public libraries have been shut in your borough in each year since 2015?

None

How many public libraries in total has your council run in each year since 2015

What is the modal average number of hours open per week for public libraries in your borough in each year since 2015?

Opening hours since 2015 are below:

Year	Opening Hours p.w	No of Libraries
2015/16	634.5	14
2016/17	634.5	14
2017/18	647.5 (note: libraries were temporarily closed at various points during the year for building works)	14
2018/19	April – June – 647.5, July – September – 749.5, October onwards – 839.5	14
2019/20	844.5	14

How many public libraries in your borough are open after 17:00 on at least one weekday?

14

In each year since 2015, how many borough owned community centres have ceased to operate?

None

In each year since 2015, how many borough owned youth centres have ceased to operate?

One youth centre ceased to operate in 2014/15 due to regeneration in the area

In each year since 2015, what has been the total funding provided by your borough for publicly accessible community venues?

Please define more narrowly the information you are seeking

How many premises licensed for the sale of alcohol were there in your borough in each year from 2015 to the present?

We have previously reported to the Home Office the following figures:

* 998 2015

* 806 2016

* 1374 2018

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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