

24 December 2019
Our ref: 5901032

Thank you for your request received on 19 December 2019, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information I would like to request the following information:

The total number of sick days taken by teachers in following academic years:

- 2015/16**
- 2016/17**
- 2017/2018**
- 2018/19**
- and the current academic year so far?**

For each academic year would it also be possible to get the number of sick days taken as 'mental health days', or where mental health issues such as stress and depression, were cited as the reason for time off, please?

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

Response

Under the Freedom of Information I would like to request the following information:

The total number of sick days taken by teachers in following academic years:

- 2015/16***
- 2016/17***
- 2017/2018***
- 2018/19***
- and the current academic year so far?***

For each academic year would it also be possible to get the number of sick days taken as 'mental health days', or where mental health issues such as stress and depression, were cited as the reason for time off, please?

We do not hold this information. You will need to contact schools directly.

Please see the link below: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools>

Schools (including academies) are considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be public authorities in their own rights, and are subject to the FOIA in the same way as the council (albeit with different timescales to meet). It is therefore correct that the council does not hold this information, and that individual schools would need to be contacted.

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.

Annex A – Making an appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review by emailing the Council's Data Protection Officer email: data.protection@barnet.gov.uk (Please quote the reference number above) or by writing to:

The Data Protection Officer
Information Management Team
London Borough of Barnet
North London Business Park
Oakleigh Road South
London N11 1NP

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Data Protection Act 2018. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

website at www.ico.gov.uk.

Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Textphone: 01625 545860
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm

You can also chat online with an advisor.

There is no charge for making an appeal.