

9 January 2020
Our ref: 5869636

Thank you for your request received on 9 December 2019, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

I am interested to know whether:

(a) You hold personal email addresses as part of your Electoral Register, and if so,

(b) how many emails you hold in the Electoral Register;

(c) What the source or sources of these emails is;

(d) Whether you have included all or some portion of these emails as part of the datasets you gave to election candidates at the 2019 General Election;

(e) If so, how many emails were supplied;

(f) Whether you supplied email details in other prior elections.

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

Response

I am writing to let you know the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act, 1983, which is the principle legislation governing elections and electoral registration. Therefore, the Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act

However, in order to assist with your enquiry I can provide the following responses provided by our Electoral Registration team:

(a) You hold personal email addresses as part of your Electoral Register, and if so,

We do hold email addresses that have been supplied by elector on the software system that maintains the electoral register

(b) how many emails you hold in the Electoral Register;

We cannot supply a number but we hold an email for approx. half of our electors

(c) What the source or sources of these emails is;

These emails have all been supplied directly by the individual elector – no emails are taken from other sources

(d) Whether you have included all or some portion of these emails as part of the datasets you gave to election candidates at the 2019 General Election;

No emails have ever been supplied to election candidates at any election

(e) If so, how many emails were supplied;

Please see answer to (d)

(f) Whether you supplied email details in other prior elections.

Please see answer to (d)

If you are dissatisfied with the response in any way, there is a complaints process which can be found at **Annex A**.

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.