

1st floor NLBP 21 February 2020 Our ref: 6012964

Thank you for your request received on 27 January 2020, for the following information:

1. How many traffic wardens were operational in your borough in 2019 (January 1st to December 31st)?

- 2. What was their combined payroll cost?
- 3. How many parking tickets were issued in that time period?
- 4. How much was collected in fines in that time period?

Please provide the information in the form of a Word document or Excel spreadsheet.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, please provide further advice and assistance.

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

1. How many traffic wardens were operational in your borough in 2019 (January 1st to December 31st)?

NSL Services Ltd employed up to 67 CEOs in 2019. They were working on shift patterns and the total number of staff varied from month to month (turnover).

2. What was their combined payroll cost?

Company sensitive information held by NSL Services Limited.

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 43 (Prejudicial to commercial interests) Sub-Section 2 applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

3. How many parking tickets were issued in that time period?

Please see: https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/24r8e/parking-pcn-dashboard

4. How much was collected in fines in that time period?

Set for future publication, data will be uploaded to: https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/2gwrv/special-parking-account

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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. <u>http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</u>

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