



Assurance Group  
London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
2 March 2020  
Our ref: 6148088

Thank you for your request received on 2 March 2020, for the following information:

- 1. The total number of European nationals living within the jurisdiction of the council (ie the total number of EU nationals that the council is aware of in their area) and how this number was arrived at.**
- 2. A copy of all council communications targeting EU nationals specifically since 2016 (including social media ads or posts targeting the EU population)**
- 3. Has the council written to European nationals in its area to inform them of their rights and options following Brexit? If yes, how many times? Please provide the letters.**
- 4. What, if any, preparation has the council undertaken as regards European nationals within their area and the implementation of Brexit? Is there a communication strategy for EU nationals informing them of the impact of Brexit? If yes, please provide me with a copy.**
- 5. Will the council be informing EU nationals that they can vote in the upcoming local elections? How?**

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 believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s55368/Brexit%20Preparedness.pdf>

and

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/nationality-and-citizenship/eu-settlement-scheme-euss>

and

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/brexit>

***5. Will the council be informing EU nationals that they can vote in the upcoming local elections? How?***

No specific campaigns are currently planned.

#### **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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