



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
8 June 2020
Our ref: 6250388

Thank you for your request received on 15 April 2020, for the following information:

In accordance with The Freedom of Information Act 2000, section 1(1)(a), I would kindly request for the following data and or any information recorded in any legible form or otherwise.

Where with a public authority as with all authorities, are various departments that exist to handle specific requests or locate those information, where in this instance the request may involve a wider search and further interactions for the required information (data); in most cases this may include, Adult social care, Mental Health, Housing, Finance, Deputyship department etc., the rest will depend on the data type being requested.

This request is being made strictly in relation to mortality rates in that the number of deaths within the Borough of Barnet within the defined periods below, namely between;

- a. 1st November 2017 to 31st March 2018,**
- b. 1st November 2018 to 31st March 2019, and,**
- c. 1st November 2019 to 31st March 2020**

The following information is required pursuant section 8.(1)

- 1. Full names of deceased**
- 2. Date of death**
- 3. Cause of death**
- 4. Place of death and centre for registration of death**
- 5. Any underlying health conditions or any regular medicinal use**
- 6. Whether they were buried or cremated**
- 7. Marital status**
- 8. Nationality and Place of birth**
- 9. Ethnicity**
- 10. National Insurance Number**
- 11. Any recorded next of kin(s)**
- 12. Known address and any previously recorded**
- 13. Length of time as a resident of the borough**
- 14. Living conditions, e.g. living at home, Care-home, relatives e.t.c.**
- 15. Were they in receipt of any government (state) assistance e.g. benefits, social care**
- 16. Duration of time in receipt of state assistance**
- 17. Any estates or lands registered in their name**
- 18. How many JOHN and JANE D.O.E (unidentified) in the given period**
- 19. Were they a party to any pending or concluded civil or criminal action(s)**
- 20. Have any of them ever been flagged as a person concern by any authority,**

agencies or persons including doctors and any professional occupation

21. Total number of deaths in each specified period

In addition to the above requested information could please provide me with a,

22. List of all authorities, government or otherwise that have unrestricted or are privy to the (information) data held by the borough e.g. secretary of state, nhs, police, courts

23. List of all third parties have access or an interest to data held by the borough e.g. funeral directors, any other firms, companies or individuals by names or numbers however known

24. What happens to the deceased with no next of kin(s)

25. Provide a comprehensive summary of the procedures involved in dealing with the deceased of no known next of kin(s)

26. What are the yearly estimated budget for providing services to the elderly, including care-workers, medicines and food against the actual figures of monies spent, f for the tax years 2017-18, 2018-2019, and 2019-20. I am mindful that it could prove difficult to obtain complete figures for this year due to the current crisis and other reasons, nonetheless, any data provided would suffice for the time being.

27. The total expenditure incurred by the borough on all the various benefits including, JSA, Universal credit, Housing, Social Care, Child care benefits e.t.c for the tax years 2017-18, 2018-2019, and 2019-20. Any data for 2019-20, current up-to-date records are acceptable.

In addition, I require further operational information in relation to the 'COVID-19 priorities', 1. the number of staff and their general duties, additionally, 2. further clarity is sought on 'urgent operational responses', what exactly does that actually involve?

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

The number of deaths within the Borough of Barnet within the defined periods below, namely between;

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Any further information requested, regarding the details of registrations that have occurred cannot be shared. Registration officers and anyone who acts on their behalf in carrying out statutory registration duties are outside the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Superintendent registrars and registrars are not a public authority as defined in the Act and, therefore, are not subject to its provisions. Data held by them - including information held in death and still birth registers ' is thus not subject to disclosure under the FOI Act.

21. Total number of deaths in each specified period

1st November 2017 to 31st March 2018 - 1111
 1st November 2018 to 31st March 2019 - 1093
 1st November 2019 to 31st March 2020 - 1161

22. List of all authorities, government or otherwise that have unrestricted or are privy to the (information) data held by the borough e.g. secretary of state, nhs, police, courts

Please see attached Annex.

23. List of all third parties have access or an interest to data held by the borough e.g. funeral directors, any other firms, companies or individuals by names or numbers however know

Information regarding parish funerals arranged by the Council is posted on the Council's website and it is accessible by everyone. We do not keep a list of companies and/or third parties that request information regarding deceased as any such request is directed to Council's website.

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/24wxv/public-health-funerals-201920>

24. What happens to the deceased with no next of kin(s)

Funerals are dealt with by the relevant authorities (Local Authority or Hospitals) as required by law

25. Provide a comprehensive summary of the procedures involved in dealing with the deceased of no known next of kin(s)

Details about the parish funerals are publicised on website,

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/deaths/funerals>

26. What are the yearly estimated budget for providing services to the elderly, including care-workers, medicines and food against the actual figures of monies spent, for the tax years 2017-18, 2018-2019, and 2019-

For budgets, see link below

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/finance-funding-and-pensions/financial-forward-plan-and-capital-programme>

For actual spend, see link below

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/finance-funding-and-pensions/statement-accounts>

27. The total expenditure incurred by the borough on all the various benefits including, JSA, Universal credit, Housing, Social Care, Child care benefits e.t.c for the tax years 2017-18, 2018-2019, and 2019-20. Any data for 2019-20, current up-to-date records are acceptable.

The London Borough of Barnet does not administer JSA, UC and Child care benefits so we cannot provide this, whilst the expenditure on Housing would be for Barnet Homes to answer.

Please make your request direct to Barnet Homes.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

2 Bristol Avenue,

Colindale,

London NW9 4EW

**28. In addition, I require further operational information in relation to the 'COVID-19 priorities',
i. the number of staff and their general duties, additionally,**

There were a number of active deployments as of the 15th April. The below table summarises the roles and the staff including partner staff who were deployed. It should be noted that some deployments are being done at a local level i.e. deployments within individual departments which aren't captured in the below data

| Area | Staff Deployed as of 15/04 | Duties |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Adults Social Care | 1 | Enablement Officer -enablement involves helping people to remain living at home, to achieve maximum independence, |

to prevent hospital admissions (or re-admissions) and when appropriate, to reduce the level of care needed.

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Registrar- Assist the team in the functions of a Registrar such as registering deaths on the official system and the associated paperwork.

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Food packer- assist the foodhub based in Colindale with packing food parcels to support vulnerable residents as a response to Covid-19.

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Processor- short term role to update the central database with information from the volunteer survey. This is one of the steps that will enable resident volunteers to help the Covid-19 community response.

Adults Social Care ¹

Covid-19 testing liaison- liaising with commissioners across the borough and partners, collecting information about who requires Covid-19 tests and allocating available slots.

ii. further clarity is sought on 'urgent operational responses', what exactly does that actually involve?

The council's [COVID-19](#) information pages at www.barnet.gov.uk provides further detail on the urgent help and support services that are currently being delivered and prioritised within the Barnet.

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.