

20 May 2020  
Our ref: 6283189

Thank you for your request received on 6 May 2020, for the following information:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**My request relates to financial assessments for care. My request is as follows.**

**1a) How many financial assessments (means tests for care and support) were carried out by the council on an individual, face to face, between 25.12.2019 - 25.02.2020?**

**1b) How many financial assessments (means tests for care and support) were carried by the council on an individual, face to face between 25.02.2020 - 25.04.2020?**

**2a) How many financial assessments (means tests for care and support) were carried out on an individual by the Council in some way other than face to face (e.g online) between 25.12.2019 - 25.02.2020?**

**2b) How many financial assessments (means tests for care and support) were carried out on an individual by the Council in some way other than face to face (e.g online) between 25.02.2020 - 25.04.2020?**

**3a) How many people employed by the council as social workers or social care workers have had to either take sick leave, or have been unable to go into work for a period of time lasting over one week due to Covid-19, up until 25.04.2020.**

**If you are unable to provide numbers for people indirectly employed by the council, please provide numbers on staff directly employed by the council.**

**3b) Please could you give this number as a percentage of the total workforce.**

**If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within the designated time frame, I would be grateful if you could either contact me on how to refine that request, or ideally, focus just on parts 1a, 1b, 3a and 3b of the request that order of priority. I appreciate LAs are under a lot of pressure at the moment, so refining in this way could save time carrying out this request, or having to process a new request.**

**Furthermore, if part of the information in the scope of this request catches one or more exceptions please remember to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure, as stipulated by regulation 12(2).**

**I look forward to receiving your response within 20 days. If you need any**

**further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Many thanks in advance for your assistance.**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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***3b) Please could you give this number as a percentage of the total workforce.***

0.34%

## **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](http://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.**

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.