

1 June 2020
Our ref: 6263888

Thank you for your request received on 22 April 2020, for the following information:

How many residents from the council's publicly funded care homes have died, in situ, in care home placements since 01/04/2020 as of the date of response to this FOI?

Of those, how many had formal Care Act care plans drawn up by the council or a lawfully authorised delegate of the s24 Care Act function?

Of all those residents who died, how many does the council believe were tested and proved positive for Covid-19 before their deaths, either in the care home or at hospital? Please state the figures for both those

tested and of those, how many proved positive.

How many of those who have died were hospitalised before they died?

How many of the deaths occurred after readmission to the care home, subsequent to hospital discharge?

How many of those deaths subsequent to discharge from hospital were ever re-tested and proved negative? Please state the figures for both those tested and of those, how many proved negative.

Since 07/04/2020, how many requests for IMCAs were made for incapacitated people for exploring best interests decisions regarding Respect/DNAR documentation or decisions about not seeking admission to hospital?

Since 07/04/2020, how many safeguarding referrals were received from family members citing concerns about refusals by Care Home Managers or NHS staff to get care home residents (publicly funded or privately funded) to hospital?

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 the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We commission placements for residents and do not log this information as it would be logged by the individual care homes. We commission placements within 100+ care homes both inside and outside the Borough of Barnet.

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.