



Assurance Group  
London Borough of Barnet,  
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London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 6404752

Thank you for your request received on 3 July 2020, for the following information:

**Please answer the below questions on staff spend associated to adult and children's social care at your organisation (including all types of spend on care e.g. learning disabilities, mental health, physical disability, etc.).**

**1. Please provide the following information on agency<sup>1</sup> (temporary) and bank staff spend<sup>2</sup> for 19/20 (April 2019 to March 2020) and forecasted spend for 20/21 (April 2020 to March 2021)**

**1**Agency workers are defined as temporary workers supplied through an agency. This excludes interim workers and fixed term contract posts.

**2**A bank is defined as a flexible pool of workers, typically clinical, allied health care and administrative staff. These workers can be substantive staff able to work additional shifts or non-substantive workers who sign bank contracts with the trust/CCG/Local Authority. Banks are typically seen as an alternative to using agency staff to cover shifts on a temporary basis.

**2. Based on the agency spend provided above, please provide a further breakdown by clinical and non-clinical staff**

**3. Please indicate the names of the top five agencies for spend on agency staff across all staffing groups in 19/20 and the spend associated to each agency if available.**

**4. Is your organisation considering implementing or becoming part of a collaborative staff bank<sup>3</sup> at a Sustainability Transformation Partnership (STP)/Integrated Care System (ICS) level?**

**3**a collaborative staff bank enables bank workers to access shifts at your own and other organisations participating in the collaboration

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached and Barnet's expenditure is also published at:

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

No information is held for question 4.

## **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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