

6 August 2020
Our ref: 6443748

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

- Since March 23rd 2020, how many extra beds have been made available to victims of domestic abuse specifically (not homeless people or any other groups needing accommodation).

Within this data on beds for domestic abuse survivors I would like the following break down

- What is the gender breakdown of the beds provided? IE how many were made available for women, men etc.**
- How many of these beds were move on beds?**
- How many of these beds were refuge beds?**
- How many dependents also found refuge with the escaping parent?**

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

- Since March 23rd 2020, how many extra beds have been made available to victims of domestic abuse specifically (not homeless people or any other groups needing accommodation).

Barnet Homes provided temporary accommodation (TA) to 23 survivors fleeing Domestic Abuse (DA) from 23rd March 2020 - 31st July 2020. There was no extra provision over and above the 24 bed spaces at the Barnet women's refuges; however, Solace Women's Aid have made 70 beds available through the Crisis Accommodation Project which operates outside of Barnet

Note that Barnet Homes are part of the Barnet Group, a local authority trading company owned by Barnet Council.

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All 23 clients in TA were female; however, Barnet Homes are also supporting male survivors who prefer not to say their gender with their housing options officers. All 24 units across 3 women's refuges are available to women only: this does not include children's beds.

- How many of these beds were move on beds?

2 survivors from the above 23 in TA have secured long term accommodation in private rent sector and assured shorthold tenancy. No move on beds at the women's refuges .

- How many of these beds were refuge beds?

For the period 23rd March to 31st July - 10 women were accepted at our 3 women's refuges in Barnet.

- How many dependents also found refuge with the escaping parent?

Since March 23rd to 31st July – 9 children were accepted in our 3 women's refuges in 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/>

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