

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 11 August 2020 Our ref: 6444048

Thank you for your request received on 13 July 2020, for the following information:

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. How many individuals did the council house during March-July 2020 where the individual(s) has No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) status?

2. How many families did the council house during March-July 2020 where the parent(s) has No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) status?

3. How many individuals did the council move on or relocate during March-July 2020 where the individual(s) has No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) status?

4. Where an individual has been evicted or relocated during March-July 2020, how many individuals did the council relocate to alternative accommodation:

a. Outside of the borough b. Outside of London

5. From March-July 2020, how many requests for support were made to the council resulting in the individual(s) with NRPF receiving support from the council?

6. From March-July 2020, how many requests for support were granted by the council resulting in the individual(s) with NRPF receiving support from the council?

7. From March-July 2020, in cases where requests were denied support by the council for individual(s) with NRPF, what were the reasons for this?

8. In the 6 months prior to COVID-19, how many individual(s) were accommodated on average per month by the council where the individual(s) has NRPF status?

9. What was the council's policy on NRPF pre COVID-19?

10. If there has been a change in policy, what is the council's policy on NRPF post COVID-19?

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.

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

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The information for Q1 to Q4 will be held by 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

5. From March-July 2020, how many requests for support were made to the council resulting in the individual(s) with NRPF receiving support from the council?

6 Families were referred to and screened by the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

6. From March-July 2020, how many requests for support were granted by the council resulting in the individual(s) with NRPF receiving support from the council?

5 families were signposted to support following screening by the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

1 Family is receiving s17 children act support from the local authority

7. From March-July 2020, in cases where requests were denied support by the council for individual(s) with NRPF, what were the reasons for this?

The families did not require s17 children act support they required access to community-based services to which they were signposted, and advice give.

8. In the 6 months prior to COVID-19, how many individual(s) were accommodated on average per month by the council where the individual(s) has NRPF status?

6 individuals were accommodated in the 6 months prior to COVID-19

9. What was the council's policy on NRPF pre COVID-19?

We do not have an internal procedure – we follow the published guidance which support all London authorities

http://www.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx

10. If there has been a change in policy, what is the council's policy on NRPF post COVID-19?

The policy for NRPF during COVID has not changed, we continue to assess if the families are deemed to be in need under S.17 support

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. <u>http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</u>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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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: <u>foi@barnet.gov.uk</u>. 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.