



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
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London NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 6544301

Thank you for your request received on 28 August 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on behalf of The Breastfeeding Network, who wish to find out more about the commissioning of breastfeeding peer support services across England and Wales.

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions in as much detail as possible. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email below.

- 1. Did the council commission a breastfeeding support service (including peer support) in the years 2014-2019? If so, please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019. Please attach a copy of the most recent service specification.**
- 2. If breastfeeding support was not directly commissioned, did the council provide funding for breastfeeding support in the years 2014-2019. If so who provided the service (eg health visiting /midwifery) and please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.**
- 3. If the council did not commission a breastfeeding support service, did it fund breastfeeding support from lay breastfeeding supporters (non-health professionals), for example from professional breastfeeding counsellors, in the years 2014-2019? Please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.**

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below.

1. Did the council commission a breastfeeding support service (including peer support) in the years 2014-2019?

Yes the service was first commissioned in 2014

If so, please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.

See below.

Please attach a copy of the most recent service specification –

The service specification is part of the Healthy Child Programme service specification at present.

Year	Budget	Service users contacts
2014/5	Approx £115,000	Not known
2015/6	Approx. £115,000	Approx. 324
2016/7	£115,000	483
2017/8	£115,000	418
2018/9	£115,000 as part of the healthy child programme contract	Not currently known

2. If breastfeeding support was not directly commissioned, did the council provide funding for breastfeeding support in the years 2014-2019. If so who provided the service (eg health visiting /midwifery) and please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.

Not applicable

3. If the council did not commission a breastfeeding support service, did it fund breastfeeding support from lay breastfeeding supporters (non-health professionals), for example from professional breastfeeding counsellors, in the years 2014-2019? Please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.

Not applicable

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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