12 January 2021
Our ref: 6855896

Thank you for your request received on 9 December 2020, for the following information:

Between the 6th January 2019 and 9th December 2020 (703 days)

How many looked after children Under 18 have you placed in unregulated accommodation
for any time period anywhere in the United Kingdom

Please provide the nature of the unregulated accommodation eg Hotel, B&B, Tent, Caravan,
Campsite or any other type of accommodation.

Please provide the following information for each child placed in unregulated accommodation, the child or young persons age, gender, ethnicity

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

Between the 6th January 2019 and 9th December 2020 (703 days)

How many looked after children Under 18 have you placed in unregulated accommodation
for any time period anywhere in the United Kingdom

140

Please provide the nature of the unregulated accommodation eg Hotel, B&B, Tent, Caravan,
Campsite or any other type of accommodation.

Semi-independent accommodation (This includes 24 hour supported homes, Shared home with floating support and stand-alone properties with floating support)

Please provide the following information for each child placed in unregulated accommodation, the child or young persons age, gender, ethnicity

Gender	Number
Male	104
Female	36

Age at earliest Placement Start Date	Number	Gender
15	<5*	Male
16	72	53 Male / 19 Female
17	66	49 Male / 17 Female

Ethnicity Description	Number
Asian/Asian British Indian	<5*
White Irish	<5*
Mixed White & Black African	<5*
Asian/Asian British Pakistani	<5*
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	<5*
Not Stated	<5*
Black/Black British Caribbean	<5*
Black/Black British Other	6
Mixed Other	9
Asian/Asian British Other	12
White Other	13
White British	22
Black/Black British African	29
Any Other Ethnic Group	35

*Where the numbers of indviduals in a specified grouping are low,

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('data subject')". It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness.

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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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.