

20 January 2021
Our ref: 6887620

Thank you for your request received on 18 December 2020, for the following information:

1/ For each of the last five financial years from 2016/17 up to the current date this request is answered, please provide the number of safeguarding incidents (sometimes logged as a section 47 investigations in England, but logged differently in other nations, and not always so in England) concerning the secure transport of a Looked After Child in the care of the authority? For each incident, please describe the nature of the incident. i.e. alleged physical assault.

2/ For each of the last five financial years from 2016/17 up to the current date this request is answered, on how many occasions were you informed that a Looked After Child under your care had gone missing or absconded while being collected, transported or delivered (including rest/fuel stops) to a location by a secure transport company?

3/ What is the longest period a child is known to have been missing for after going missing or absconding from secure transport while in the care of the authority? Please state if the child was not found.

4/ What is the youngest age (in years) of a child who has gone missing or absconded from secure transport while in the care of the authority?

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.

If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item when you can rather than delay everything until it is all available.

If there are any clarifications requested or exemptions cited for certain parts of the request, please provide responses for others in the meantime, as advised by the Information Commissioner.

If you need any clarification then please email me.

Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way so we can negotiate how best to proceed.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future,

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

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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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

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: foi@barnet.gov.uk. 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.