

9 February 2021
Our ref: 6963376

Thank you for your request received on 21 January 2021, for the following information:

Can you tell us how many young carers* (aged 17 years and under) you have listed in your local authority area for the following years April to March: 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20.

*** Can you tell us the source of your information on numbers of young carers* in your local authority area.**

***definition of a young carer: A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.**

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

Can you tell us how many young carers* (aged 17 years and under) you have listed in your local authority area for the following years April to March: 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20.

We do not hold information prior to 2016/17 as the contract for our young carers support service was recommissioned in 2016

2016/17 There were 680 young carers identified by 31.03.2017
2017/18 There were 725 young carers identified by 31.03.2018
2018/19 There were 774 young carers identified by 31.03.2019
2019/20 There were 617 young carers identified by 31.03.2020

Since 2019/20 young carers actively in receipt of Young Carers support services are counted, as opposed to all young carers known to Barnet Carers and Family Services.

**** Can you tell us the source of your information on numbers of young carers* in your local authority area.***

All figures are based on data held by the Barnet Young Carers Advisory Centre (BYCAS). Numbers fluctuate across the year and figures provided reflect the totals as a snapshot as of 31st March each year.

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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