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Our ref: 7018769

Thank you for your request received on 12 February 2021, for the following information:

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

Response

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The Open Barnet Portal is supplied, supported and hosted by Datapress Ltd, the council. The cost to the council is £9,588 per year, exc VAT. We do not hold specific information as to how much Datapress pays to use Google Drive.

And why don't the council move a different company?

Having reviewed a number of options, the council are very satisfied that the Datapress portal suits our specific needs and have no wish to change at this time.

How often do you review what is needed on the servers?

Individual datasets have set retention, disposal, update and review dates. With regard to the servers themselves, the council does not hold information on this.

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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