

5 March 2021
Our ref: 7087952

Thank you for your request received on 2 March 2021, for the following information:

Subject: Illegal evictions

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,

Between the dates of 16th March 2020 and 1st March 2021, please tell me:

- 1) how many people, or concerns, contacted the council to advise of an illegal eviction by a landlord in the area you cover?**
- 2) How many of these cases have been investigated and by whom?**
- 3) How many of these cases have resulted in a court order?**
- 4) How many of these cases of illegal evictions were because tenants fell into rent arrears due to the pandemic?**
- 5) How many tenants whom have been illegally evicted are now in hostels and other temporary accommodation?**
- 6) How many of these cases involve children?**
- 7) How many have been offered alternative housing outside of the borough and how far away? (Please answer in miles)**

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

Response

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This information is held by Barnet Homes.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller Barnet Homes

2 Bristol Avenue,

Colindale,

London NW9 4EW

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

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Your rights

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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.