



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue
Colindale , NW9 4EW
29 March 2021
Our ref: 7142008

Thank you for your request received on 26 February 2021, for the following information:

I am currently undertaking research into the Covid-19 Test and Trace Support Payment, and am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. Can people with no recourse to public funds access discretionary Test and Trace support?**
- 2. If so, how can someone with no recourse to public funds access Test and Trace support in your local authority area?**
- 3. Where is this information publicised?**
- 4. What information is on your local authority website about how to access Test and Trace support if you have no recourse to public funds?**
- 5. How many people with no recourse to public funds have been granted discretionary Test and Trace support in your local authority area?**
- 6. How many people with no recourse to public funds have been refused discretionary Test and Trace support in your local authority area?**
- 7. If there have been refusals of discretionary Test and Trace support for people with no recourse to public funds in your area, what were the reasons given?**

If the above information is contained or partially contained in a policy or procedure document, please provide the policy. If this is not available, or only partially contains the information, please provide the information in an excel spreadsheet.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how the request can be refined.

If you can identify any other ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet because the data requested is not captured. The Test and Trace support payments are open to people with no recourse to public funds (NRPF). Therefore data on refusal of Test and Trace payments for people with NRPF is not held.

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

1. Can people with no recourse to public funds access discretionary Test and Trace support?

Yes.

2. If so, how can someone with no recourse to public funds access Test and Trace support in your local authority area?

Via London Borough Barnet website: www.barnet.gov.uk

3. Where is this information publicised?

London Borough of Barnet website & social media.

4. What information is on your local authority website about how to access Test and Trace support if you have no recourse to public funds?

N/A

5. How many people with no recourse to public funds have been granted discretionary Test and Trace support in your local authority area?

Five.

6. How many people with no recourse to public funds have been refused discretionary Test and Trace support in your local authority area?

No data held as no recourse to public funds is not a reason for refusal.

7. If there have been refusals of discretionary Test and Trace support for people with no recourse to public funds in your area, what were the reasons given?

N/A

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.