

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 1 April 2021 Our ref: 7112880

Thank you for your request received on 3 March 2021, for the following information:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please provide the following information for the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020:

- 1. How many notifications did this local authority receive of children (aged under 18) being accommodated as inpatients in a mental health hospital in the local authority's area for a period of three months or more (under sections 85, 86 and 86A of the Children Act 1989)?
- 2. Of the children referred to in the answer to question (1), how many were assessed by the local authority after a section 85 notification was made?
- 3. Of the children referred to in the answer to question (1), how many received any kind of support or services from the local authority as a child in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989? (If you are able to provide more information regarding the type of support/services provided please do).
- 4. Could you please share any guidance produced by the local authority covering assessment and support for children accommodated in a mental health hospital in the local authority's area?
- 5. How many children looked after by this local authority under section 20, or in care under section 31 of the Children Act 1989, were mental health inpatients in 2018, 2019 and 2020?

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 the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet but have determined that this information would be held by Barnet, part of NHS North Central London CCG.

https://northcentrallondonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-of-information-requests/

For Freedom of Information requests, please contact the Freedom of Information team on: nelcsu.foi@nhs.net

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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