



2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 7216052

Thank you for your request received on 8 April 2021, for the following information:

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is my understanding that your borough has access to a database of residents of your borough whose names are listed on the Metropolitan Police (MPS)'s 'Gangs Matrix'. I understand that that database indicates a 'harm score' (or 'Matrix harm score') for each person listed. This database may be held by the MPS, but your borough, I understand, has access to it, or copies of that data in your possession. I request to please be provided with data, appropriately anonymised, to answer the following questions:

- Until the completion of the city-wide review carried out in Summer 2019 (Recommendation 2 here), how many names were listed on that database as attached to your borough (the column title may be given as 'BOCU' or Borough Operational Command Unit, or 'BCU')?**
- Of those names attached to your borough until the completion of the Summer 2019 review, how many:**
 - had a Matrix Harm Score of 0?**
 - had always had a Matrix Harm Score of 0?**
 - had a Matrix Harm Score of less than 3.0?**
 - How many names are currently listed on that database as attached to your borough?**
- Of those names currently attached to your borough, how many:**
 - have a Matrix Harm Score of 0?**
 - have always had a Matrix Harm Score of 0?**
 - have a Matrix Harm Score of less than 3.0?**

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.

This information can be requested via the Metropolitan Police.

Please see this link: Review of the Metropolitan Police Service Gangs Violence Matrix – A one-year update

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gvm_update - ei review - jan 2021 final for publication.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gvm_update_-_ei_review_-_jan_2021_final_for_publication.pdf) the analysis in this paper was completed in Autumn 2019 and uses Matrix data and crime data up to October 2019. The delay in publication of this paper is due to significant operational pressures relating to the COVID pandemic. The next review of the Matrix Population is scheduled to be carried out in Spring 2021.

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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