

28 April 2021
Our ref: 7230980

Thank you for your request received on 15 April 2021, for the following information:

Thanks very much for your response to my FOI Request (7122944) regarding RIPA operations.

Please may you be so kind to confirm whether or not it would be accurate from your response to describe the 2019 data acquisition as instantaneous?

Please tell me the date (DD/MM/YYYY) the data was acquired, the prosecutorial outcome (i.e. arrest/conviction/warning/fine/sentence) that resulted from the operation and what the "fraud investigation" was about (i.e. was it consumer fraud or another type of fraud? was the public being scammed? is the investigation being led by the police? were the fraudsters operating in the Barnet borough? could this be described as organised fraud?).

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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No - the correct RIPA procedure was followed with an application being brought before a district Judge at Willesden Magistrates Court. This was approved with the requested data being obtained via the National Anti-fraud Network (NAFN).

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This data is applied for in a closed court and as such is not released into the public domain.

The case named Operation Claymore is fully detailed in the Quarter 2 CAFT report (July -Sept 2020) which is published and brought before the Audit Committee - see link below.

[Appendix 1 - Combined CAFT Q1 Q2 Progress Report 1st April 30th September 2020.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](http://modern.gov.co.uk/Appendix%201%20-%20Combined%20CAFT%20Q1%20Q2%20Progress%20Report%201st%20April%2030th%20September%202020.pdf)

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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