

4 May 2021
Our ref: 7269104

Thank you for your request received on 29 April 2021, for the following information:

Ref.Doc.1 Vendor Name Expenditure Amount (exc VAT) Payment Date

90344018	SAGE NURSING HOME	2,358.24	23/03/2021
90344025	SAGE NURSING HOME	3,800.00	23/03/2021
90336368	SAGE NURSING HOME	2,358.24	08/03/2021
90336375	SAGE NURSING HOME	3,800.00	08/03/2021
90343834	SAGE NURSING HOME	2,400.00	23/03/2021
90343865	SAGE NURSING HOME	2,800.00	23/03/2021
90336423	SAGE NURSING HOME	2,400.00	08/03/2021
90336455	SAGE NURSING HOME	2,800.00	08/03/2021
90343813	SAGE NURSING HOME	4,844.32	23/03/2021
90343938	SAGE NURSING HOME	4,583.36	23/03/2021
90336280	SAGE NURSING HOME	4,583.36	08/03/2021
90336350	SAGE NURSING HOME	29,757.97	08/03/2021
90343985	SAGE NURSING HOME	4,844.32	23/03/2021
90336510	SAGE NURSING HOME	4,844.32	08/03/2021
50029344	SAGE NURSING HOME	5,744.40	02/03/2021

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemption detailed below applies to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 40 (Personal information) subsection 2 applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

Refusal Notice Section 40(2)

Personal Information is governed by the Data Protection Act legislation and is defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject')". It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person. Because individuals working for the council have a reasonable expectation of privacy and do not expect that the council would disclose their names or contact details in response to a freedom of information request, especially as they are relatively junior and not in public facing roles. The council's redaction policy states that officers' names and contact details under the level of Assistant Director will generally not be released. All of the posts redacted are under the Assistant Director level. The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully.

Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names

and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.