



London Borough of Barnet,  
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London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 7270704

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

**We have read in the media recently about the need for devices in the local UK communities for disadvantaged people. May we please ask under FOI for details about old technology and what is currently happening with the old technology at your organisation:**

- 1) In particular, how many computer users there are at your organization in total, where the old computer and other technology and electronic items are going when they are replaced by newer items and what percentage is going to help those in the local UK community that can not afford computers ?**
- 2.) Our previous FOI and researched showed that many public organisations sell their old tech to scrap companies and the markets for old tech scrap are generally abroad for scrap contractors used by council and other large organisations including schools with one scrap company alone stating that they export over 50,000 computer items per month. -Therefore, may we please ask for the information/data on your plans to comply with the UK climate change act and deal with scope 3 emissions from transport during the export of containers overseas ? May we also ask for any data held regarding emissions and particular scope 3 emissions relating to old technology from your organisation.**
- 3) May we also please ask, what you currently have in terms of outdated, unplugged, or unused no longer needed laptops, computers, or other electronics in your storage that we can collect for our long-standing local-focused UK solution that helps homeless youth in need, care leavers, pensioners who can not afford a computer, refugees and others disadvantaged people and if not would it be possible to put a date in the diary for the next collection please ? May we suggest 5th, 6th or 10th May 2021 for the next collection ?**
- 4.) If the council / organisation has recently changed its policy to allow local reuse and access to local organisations to its old still usable tech, may we please ask: how can we also be added to this list of organisations that the equipment to 'offered to before disposal' and receive equal treatment as those organizations ?**
- 5.) if the council / organisation has a listing of organisations on its website that**

can collect old still usable items for the UK community we would appreciate equal treatment and kindly request to be added to that list - our details and website address are below.

We are looking forward to your response. With the information you will be providing, we will hopefully be able to help a lot of people who are in need of these old equipment.

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

***1) In particular, how many computer users there are at your organization in total, where the old computer and other technology and electronic items are going when they are replaced by newer items and what percentage is going to help those in the local UK community that can not afford computers ?***

There are approximately 2800 devices - with on average 500 replaced P.A. Last year around 50% were deemed ok to be redistributed and this went out to the community and schools

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We do not sell old kit - it is destroyed once EOL using secure companies if not identified for alternative use

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Typically no stock of unused items are stored - some are retained for spares. Other equipment if identified for an alternative use are destroyed. Items would never be handed out directly as all devices if being re-provisioned would need to be securely wiped first.

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We are yet to embark on the next refresh program and if any devices are able to be re-purpose will go out to schools and community again.

### **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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