

7 May 2021
Our ref: 7108680

Thank you for your request received on 10 March 2021, for the following information:

1a. The number of total deaths notified to the council amongst home care (domiciliary care) service users, by the day or month of notification (whichever is easier), between 01 April 2017 and 28 February 2021.

1b. For the total number of deaths referenced in Question 1a, could you provide an age breakdown under the following categories: Under 18, 18-64, 65+.

2a. The number of deaths notified to the council, involving Covid-19 amongst home care (domiciliary care) service users, by the day or month of notification (whichever is easier) since records began in 2020 until 28 February 2021.

2b. For the total number of deaths referenced in Question 2a, could you state how many people died as a result of confirmed Covid-19, suspected Covid-19, and did not die of Covid-19.

If possible, please also include the following:

3. The total number of people using local authority purchased domiciliary care services, for the tax years - 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 to date.

4. The total number of local authority-purchased hours for domiciliary care services, for the tax years - 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 to date.

5. A list of your current home care (domiciliary care) providers.

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 consider that the following exemption apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is attached on an excel sheet.

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See attachment.

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See attachment

Under 18's data exempt, See Refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice for 1b. 0-25 years

Information about child deaths was held by the Barnet Child Death Overview Panel until 01/10/19 which as a part of the Barnet Safeguarding Children Board was exempt from Freedom of Information Requests.

Section 44 (Statutory bar)

Refusal Notice

From 01/10/19 information about child deaths is held by North Central London Child Death Overview Panel which is not part of the Council.

Information not held: Advise contacting North London NHS as they may hold it.

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

Email: nelcsu.foi@nhs.net

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See Refusal Notice below, exceeds cost limit.

2b. For the total number of deaths referenced in Question 2a, could you state how many people died as a result of confirmed Covid-19, suspected Covid-19, and did not die of Covid-19.

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See attached list of Providers .

Refusal Notice

Section 44 – Prohibitions on Disclosure

We consider that Section 44(1)(a) (Prohibitions on disclosure) provides an exemption from disclosure of information where the Public Authority holding it is prohibited by or under any other enactment ONS has legal obligations to protect the confidentiality of data it holds, under the [Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007](#) and Death Certificates fall outside of the FOI Act, please contact the General Registrars Office for more information.

Section 44 is an absolute exemption and therefore the information will not be supplied to you.

Section 12 - Exceeds Appropriate Limit (Cost limit)

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx 35 to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

416 records @ 5 mins per case = 2,080 minutes, 34.5 hours @£25 /hr = £865.00

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

Advice and Assistance

We are unable to suggest narrowing the request down any further

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.