

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 14 May 2021 Our ref: 7258673

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

Thanks very much for your response to my FOI Request regarding Covid grants (7117344).

Would you please be so kind to tell me the months over which all of these 14 overpayments were paid, and the government grants they were paid in relation to. Can you please clarify what "not entitled or not wanted" means in this context. Can you please tell me how many of the total overpayments were 'not entitled' and how many were 'not wanted'. Can you please also confirm whether or not there had been any fraudulent overpayments (I assume you mean 0 by 'N/A' but just want to double check.) over the requested period.

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

## Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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1a) If such overpayments did occur, please could you tell me the total frequency of/ reasons for /such overpayment (for example, but not limited to: 'payment error', 'ineligible claim', 'fraudulent claim'). Ineligible claims

Please note that there have been zero fraudulent claims identified.

## **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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