

21 May 2021
Our ref: 7257272

Thank you for your request received on 27 April 2021, for the following information:

Do you keep a register of the number of adults with learning disabilities in your local authority area? If so, how many adults in your local authority area are (at present) recorded as having learning disabilities?

What support is available for vulnerable adults (including those with learning disabilities) accessing social housing? How does your council support vulnerable adults in the process of finding suitable accommodation?

How many people with learning disabilities in your local authority have been housed outside of their local authority area in the last calendar year? If it doesn't exceed the cost limit, I would also like this information for the last three years please.

How many people on the current waiting list for social housing in your local authority area have a learning disability?

[Mencap define a learning disability as a reduced intellectual ability and difficulty with everyday activities. For example, household tasks, socialising or managing money, which affects someone for their whole life.]

I would like the following information sent back via an email to this address in electronic form. Please can the information be supplied in an excel spreadsheet.

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:-

Do you keep a register of the number of adults with learning disabilities in your local authority area? - If so, how many adults in your local authority area are (at present) recorded as having learning disabilities?

Within Adult Social Care the number of people with learning disabilities is recorded as 946. Adults and Health Directorate hold data on individuals with a Learning Disability who are under our Learning Disabilities team.

What support is available for vulnerable adults (including those with learning disabilities) accessing social housing? How does your council support vulnerable adults in the process of finding suitable accommodation?

Where there is a medium to high need then Adult Social Care will undertake an individual assessment to determine the housing option(s) available for the individual concerned. For example, one option might be Supported Living or residential if the need is very high.

Where there is a low to medium need the individual can him/herself with the support of their family/carer contact the Housing Options team in Barnet Homes who will support the individual to make an application for housing under the Housing Allocations Scheme. If there are additional needs then Outreach support can be provided to help the individual stay at home and not go to Supported Living or residential for example.

Support with making a social housing application as well as discussing possible housing options is available at Barnet Mencap

<https://www.barnetmencap.org.uk/contact/> for Barnet residents.

Housing advice and support is also provided by the Barnet Group at

<https://thebarnetgroup.org/bh/applying-for-housing/useful-links/housing-advice-and-support/> under 'Housing advice and support'.

How many people with learning disabilities in your local authority have been housed outside of their local authority area in the last calendar year? If it doesn't exceed the cost limit, I would also like this information for the last three years please

2020/21 - 201

2019/20 – 273

2018/19 - 2224

How many people on the current waiting list for social housing in your local authority area have a learning disability?

371

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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