

25 May 2021
Our ref: 7285232

Thank you for your request received on 30 April 2021, for the following information:
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am contacting you to request the following information. Please provide me with answers to the following questions.

1. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021...

a. How many children (under 18 years old) were recorded as 'missing' in your local authority?

b. How many Looked After Children were recorded as 'missing' in your local authority?

2. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, please breakdown...

a. How many children (under 18 years old) who were not Looked After were recorded as missing:

- ☐ Once
- ☐ Twice
- ☐ Three times
- ☐ Four times
- ☐ Five times
- ☐ Between six and 10 times
- ☐ Between 11 and 20 times
- ☐ Between 21 and 50 times
- ☐ Between 51 and 100 times
- ☐ More than 100 times

If you record this data differently, please provide it in a way that suits you.

b. How many Looked After Children were recorded as missing:

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3. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021...

a. How many Return Interviews were offered to children (under 18 years old) who were not looked after who had been missing?

b. How many Return Interviews were accepted and received by children (under 18 years old) who were not looked after?

c. How many Return Interviews were offered to Looked After Children who had been missing?

d. How many Return Interviews were accepted and received by Looked After Children?

e. How many accepted Return Interviews were carried out by staff:

i. From the local authority (please name the local authority department)?

ii. Commissioned services (please name the commissioned service)?

4. Who is the provider for your local authority's Return Interview service? (if there are several providers, please provide details of all and the nature of their role)

5. Please share details of any resources or support that your local authority provides directly to children who have been missing.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance under the Section 16 obligations of the Act as to how I can refine my request.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached.

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Please see our response on the attached document.

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.