

27 May 2021
Our ref: 7285032

Thank you for your request received on 29 April 2021, for the following information:
Please would you let me know in writing if you hold information of the following description, relating to children's/social services:

For the following years: 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2021:

1) The total number of referrals made to Children's Services

E.g. 'There were a total of 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2017/18, 1,100 in 2018/19...etc.'

2) The stated ethnicity of the children to whom the referral is regarding

E.g. 'Of the 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2017/18, 500 were recorded as 'White British,' 300 were recorded as 'Black Caribbean,' etc.' Where the child/children in question were recorded as 'Mixed/Multiple ethnic background', please give any further details, e.g. 'mixed White British and Black African.'

3) The total number of referrals that have resulted in an assessment under section 17 of the Children Act 1989

E.g. 'Of the 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2017/18, 600 resulted in an assessment.'

4) The stated ethnicity of the children whom the assessment is regarding

E.g. 'Of the 600 assessment made in 2017/18, 100 related to a child/children recorded as 'Irish Traveller'.

5) A breakdown of the outcome of each assessment, specifying the ethnicity of the child/children in each outcome.

E.g. '2017/18: Child A, ethnicity recorded as 'Bangladeshi,' the outcome of the assessment was that the child was 'not in need.' Child B, ethnicity recorded as 'White and Black African,' the outcome of the assessment was that the child was 'in need but it was been determined that the child was not suffering, or considered likely to suffer, significant harm.' Child C, ethnicity recorded as 'Chinese,' the outcome of the assessment was that the child was 'and that there were concerns that the child was suffering, or considered likely to suffer, significant harm.'

I would like a copy of the information and would prefer for it to be sent by email if possible.

If any part of the information requested is covered by one or more of the absolute exemptions in the Act please treat this request as a request for that part of the information which is not covered by the absolute exemption.

If you need further details in order to identify the information requested or a fee is payable please let me know as soon as possible.

If you are of the view that there may be further information of the kind requested but it is held by another public authority please let me know as soon as possible. Please continue with this application as quickly as possible.

I believe that the information requested is required in the public interest for the following reasons:

1. To uphold public confidence that the council has thorough policies on the type of information it is obliged to record.

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

Table 1 relates to Q1 and Q2

Table 2 relates to Q3 and Q4

The rest of the tables are for Q5

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.

