

1 June 2021
Our ref: 7286133

Thank you for your request received on 4 May 2021, for the following information:
Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding Looked After Children (also referred to as LAC, children in care, or children looked after by a local authority)

Please kindly include responses on the attached spreadsheet.

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's care homes.

For questions 2 through 6, please supply the following information for the financial years 2017/18 to 2020/21, and where possible, the budget or most up to date snapshot available for 2021/22.

2. Please provide the total number of children looked after by the local authority.

3. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on placements for looked after children (q.2).

4. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority (q.2) please provide the number of placements in children's homes (not including secure units or hostels).

5. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority in children's homes (q.4) please provide the number placed inside the local authority boundary (in area) and the number placed outside the local authority boundary (out of area).

6. Please provide the number of children looked after by the local authority in:

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*** In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' (operated by the local authority)**

*** In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' (operated by the independent sector)**

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7. Please provide the highest, average, and lowest weekly fee currently paid for LAC in a children's home.

Please do let me know if there is any clarification that I can provide.

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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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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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.

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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.