

28 June 2021
Our ref: 7363584

Thank you for your request received on 28 May 2021, for the following information:

I making a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can I have data around your temporary agency Labour usage between the dates of 06 April 2020 and 05 April 2021.

The details I would like are:

Do you currently have a contract with a neutral vend or Master Vend? If so, what are their name and when does the contract expire? If there is an option of an extension, please list how long it is.

All the Supplier Names who supplied yourself with temporary agency Labour in the above period.

The Actual spend value for each Supplier in the above period.

The types of roles That were supplied.

The Dates they were supplied, If not available the week the invoice was invoiced or paid.

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 and attached.

Do you currently have a contract with a neutral vend or Master Vend? If so, what are their name and when does the contract expire? If there is an option of an extension, please list how long it is.

London Borough of Barnet is currently signed up to Matrix SCM as our Neutral Vendor and the contract is in place until 31 October 2021. There is no extension currently agreed.

All the Supplier Names who supplied yourself with temporary agency Labour in the above period.

We contract our agency usage via a Neutral Vendor, Matrix, and would not therefore be able to provide a breakdown of usage by supplier as this information is not held by Barnet council.

The Actual spend value for each Supplier in the above period.

Total agency spend with Matrix SCM in the 12 months to April 2021 - £17.21m

The types of roles That were supplied.

As a Local Authority London Borough of Barnet uses Matrix SCM to contract Social Care Staff, Waste Recycling and Street Cleansing Staff, Passenger Escort Staff, General Administration, Finance, Management and Project Staff to support the functions of the local authority - see attachment.

The Dates they were supplied, If not available the week the invoice was invoiced or paid.

See attachment.

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, 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.