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Our ref: 7419540

Thank you for your request received on 18 June 2021, for the following information:
I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from London Borough of Barnet.

May you provide me the following information, related to your council's offered youth services. I'm seeking any and all data spanning from year 2005 and ending in the year 2019:

- * The number of Youth centers/ clubs in operation**
- * Youth center/ club closure (monthly)**
- * Number of youth center/ club employees (monthly)**
- * Local council total expenditure on youth centers/ clubs (monthly)**
- * Local council total expenditure on youth services (monthly)**

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.

I really appreciate your time in reading my email. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help with this process.

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

May you provide me the following information, related to your council's offered youth services. I'm seeking any and all data spanning from year 2005 and ending in the year 2019:

All our information is only held from the financial year 2011/12 onwards and annually

*** The number of Youth centers/ clubs in operation**

2011-12 - 3 centres

2012-13 - 3 centres

2013-14 - 3 centres

2014-15 - 2 centres

2015-16 - 2 centres

2016-17 - 2 centres

2017-18 - 2 centres

2018-19 - 2 centres

2019-20 - 2 centres

2020-21 - 2 centres

2021-22 - 2 centres

*** Youth center/ club closure (monthly)**

One youth centre closed in 2014/15

*** Number of youth center/ club employees (monthly)**

Financial Year	Number of youth centre/ club employees
2011/12	23
2012/13	23
2013/14	23
2014/15	19
2015/16	18
2016/17	18
2017/18	18
2018/19	54*
2019/20	54*
2020/21	54*
2021/22	54*

*As part of our remodel, youth services are now delivered as part of our Early Help 0-19 Service. Youth workers are now employed as 0-19 Practitioners. There are 54 Early Help Practitioners, who have qualifications and experience across Family Support, Early Years, Youth Work, Health and Education and deliver direct work, positive activities and programmes within the Early Help service for children and

young people aged 0-19 and their families, all youth work posts in the previous operating model were retained in the re-organisation of services.

*** Local council total expenditure on youth centers/ clubs (monthly)**

*** Local council total expenditure on youth services (monthly)**

Financial Year	Total expenditure on Youth Centres and Youth Services
2011/12	£1,492,415
2012/13	£1,539,405
2013/14	£1,391,560
2014/15	£1,348,715
2015/16	£1,290,364
2016/17	£1,320,734
2017/18	£1,319,524
2018/19	£1,342,954
2019/20	£4,451,608*
2020/21	£5,042,028*
2021/22	£4,975,446*

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of spend specific to Youth Services from October 2018 onwards as Barnet's Targeted Youth Support Services were integrated into a 0-19 Early Help Service, all youth work posts in the previous operating model were retained in the re-organisation of services.

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

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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, 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.