

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW 14 July 2021 Our ref: 7478396

Thank you for your request received on 6 July 2021, for the following information:

Previous years' FOI requests have revealed an alarming decline in the number of public play spaces. We are lobbying Government for increased funding for public playgrounds, MUGAs and outdoor fitness areas. Please can you provide the following information:

How many playgrounds were there in your authority area during the financial year 2019/20?

How many playgrounds are there in your authority area during this financial year 2020/21?

How many playgrounds do you expect to have in your authority area in the financial year 2021/22?

How many multi-use games areas (MUGAs) were there in your authority area during the financial year 2019/20

How many multi-use games areas (MUGAs) are there in your authority area during this financial year 2020/21?

How many multi-use games areas (MUGAs) do you expect to have in your authority area in the financial year 2021/22?

How many outdoor fitness areas were there in your authority area during the financial year 2019/20?

How many outdoor fitness areas are there in your authority area during this financial year 2020/21?

How many outdoor fitness areas do you expect to have in your authority area in the financial year 2021/22?

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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How many multi-use games areas (MUGAs) were there in your authority area during the financial year 2019/20?

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How many multi-use games areas (MUGAs) are there in your authority area during this financial year 2020/21?

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How many multi-use games areas (MUGAs) do you expect to have in your authority area in the financial year 2021/22?

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How many outdoor fitness areas were there in your authority area during the financial year 2019/20?

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How many outdoor fitness areas are there in your authority area during this financial year 2020/21?

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How many outdoor fitness areas do you expect to have in your authority area in the financial year 2021/22?

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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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