

14 July 2021  
Our ref: 7419040

Thank you for your request received on 17 June 2021, for the following information:  
**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:**

- 1. I would like you to confirm whether the council received or transferred unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) under the National Transfer Scheme Protocol for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children during the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. If the council only participated in the scheme during some of these years, please indicate which.**
- 2. [If council did participate in the scheme mentioned above] For each of these years, I would like you to tell me how many UASC were transferred into the council area and how many were transferred from the council area to another. If possible, please indicate which council(s) transfers were made between.**
- 3. For each of these years, I would like you to indicate the total number of UASC looked after by the council, and indication whether this number exceeded or fell below the scheme's stipulation that UASC should represent no more than 0.07% of the council area's total child population (according to relevant mid-year Office for National Statistics population estimates). Please indicate the relevant percentage of UASC for each year (as a percentage of the council area's child population).**

**I would like the data in a spreadsheet format if possible. Do let me know if you would like further clarifications or have questions on this request. Many thanks.**

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

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Yes, the London Borough of Barnet, has supported both children who present in the borough as UASC and those who are transferred to the borough via the National Transfer Scheme.

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<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of UASCs Starting Care in Year</b>	<b>Number of UASC in Care as at 31 March</b>	<b>UASC in Care as at 31 March as a proportion of Pop estimates</b>
2016-17	38	45	0.05%
2017-18	40	57	0.06%
2018-19	37	59	0.06%
2019-20	41	67	0.07%
2020-21	35	72	0.08%

No UASC have been transferred out of the borough

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Please see the response to Q2

### **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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**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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.