

19 July 2021
Our ref: 7474496

Thank you for your request received on 8 July 2021, for the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - related to council houses that are in breach of statutory overcrowding rules.

This request refers to statutory overcrowding by both the 'space standard' (determining how many people may occupy a dwelling with regard to the number of sleeping accommodation rooms in the dwelling and floor area of the rooms) and the 'room standard' (determining how many non-cohabiting people aged 10 and over of the opposite sex may share sleeping accommodation) as defined by the Housing Act 1985.

For the calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (separately), please tell me:

- 1) How many statutory overcrowding breaches did the council record for households housed by the council in each year? Please provide a breakdown of breaches by a) space standard and b) room standard, and specify whether households may be captured as both a room and a space standard breach.***
- 2) The number of breaches of the space standard where more than two people have lived in a home with one room***
- 3) The number of breaches of the space standard where more than three people have lived in a home with two rooms***
- 4) The number of breaches of the space standard where more than five people have lived in a home with three rooms***
- 5) The number of breaches of the space standard where more than 7.5 people have lived in a home with four rooms***
- 6) The number of breaches of the space standard where more than 10 people have lived in a home with five rooms***
- 7) For breaches of the room standard, the maximum number of people sleeping in one room as recorded by the council***

8) How many households who have applied for council housing are living in temporary accommodation

9) Please list all the types of temporary accommodation the council has placed households in (including but not limited to: shipping containers, caravans, B&Bs, converted office buildings, and any other kind of accommodation).

Please provide the requested data in a spreadsheet format.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

This information is held by Barnet Homes

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

2 Bristol Avenue,

Colindale,

London NW9 4EW

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.