

27 July 2021
Our ref: 7481896

Thank you for your request received on 9 July 2021, for the following information:

1) In the last financial year 2020/21 how many children who were in your care were placed permanently with an adoptive family?

2) In how many of these cases was there a 'No contact' order between the birth parents and the child who had been adopted?

3) In how many of the cases referred to in Question 2 was this 'no contact' order breached by the parents using e-mail, social media or text messages?

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information.

We are unable to provide the data as the numbers are less than 5. Please see the Refusal Notice (Personal data -exemption) below.

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Less than 5

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3) In how many of the cases referred to in Question 2 was this 'no contact' order breached by the parents using e-mail, social media or text messages?

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Refusal Notice

Personal data Section 40(2) identifying individuals through statistical tables (fewer than 5) The information you require is below, but some information has been redacted in the table. This is because in some instances, owing to the low numbers of individuals involved (fewer than 5) disclosing this data may make it possible for individuals to be identified. This information is therefore exempt by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply

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.