



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
19 August 2021
Our ref: 7559136

Thank you for your request received on 10 August 2021, for the following information:

I am seeking information regarding the Afghan Locally Employed Staff Relocation Scheme. I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information.

1. Have you been asked to take part in the Scheme?

2. Have you agreed to take part in the Scheme?

If you have agreed to take part in the Scheme, please provide me with the following information:

3. How many a) individuals b) households have you committed to relocating?

4. How many a) individuals b) households have you relocated to date?

5. Of those who you have committed to relocating, how many are currently residing in temporary accommodation? If possible, please provide a breakdown of the types of temporary accommodation being used (e.g. MOD houses)

6. How many a) 1-bedroom; b) 2-bedroom; c) 3-bedroom; d) 4-bedroom or more, houses/flats have you agreed to provide?

7. Do you currently provide English for Speakers of Other languages (ESOL) support for speakers of Farsi and/or Pashto?

8. Are you commissioning support through a specialist organisation (e.g. Refugee Council)?

9. What engagement have you undertaken with existing Afghan families in your local authority area who have previously taken part in the Scheme?

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 consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

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1. Have you been asked to take part in the Scheme?

Yes

2. Have you agreed to take part in the Scheme?

Yes but only for the individuals we had previously agreed to accept

If you have agreed to take part in the Scheme, please provide me with the following information:

3. How many a) individuals b) households have you committed to relocating?

4. How many a) individuals

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b) households have you relocated to date?

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5. Of those who you have committed to relocating, how many are currently residing in temporary accommodation? If possible, please provide a breakdown of the types of temporary accommodation being used (e.g. MOD houses)

One

6. How many a) 1-bedroom; b) 2-bedroom; c) 3-bedroom; d) 4-bedroom or more, houses/flats have you agreed to provide?

None agreed to, as housing was already available.

7. Do you currently provide English for Speakers of Other languages (ESOL) support for speakers of Farsi and/or Pashto?

No

8. Are you commissioning support through a specialist organisation (e.g. Refugee Council)?

No

9. What engagement have you undertaken with existing Afghan families in your local authority area who have previously taken part in the Scheme?

Engagement has taken place but because of the relatively low numbers to the date of this request it would be difficult to release further details as it could lead to individuals being identified. Please see refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice Section 40(2)

[Part 1 of Schedule 19](#) of the Data Protection Act 2018 amends the personal data exemption under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000(FOI). These are consequential amendments designed to ensure that the correct provisions of the GDPR and the new Act are referenced instead of the now repealed DPA 1998. They will not fundamentally impact when personal data can, and cannot, be disclosed in response to an FOI request.

Personal Information is governed by the Data Protection Act legislation and is defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness.

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.