



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
24 August 2021
Our ref: 7517252

Thank you for your request received on 27 July 2021, for the following information:

Would it be possible to have the following data for secondary schools in Barnet, mainly Bishop Douglass Secondary School

- Total number of applications (broken down by preference, eg. first, second, third) over the last 5 years**
- Total offers made (broken down by preference, eg. first, second, third) over the last 5 years**

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

Response

As your request mainly required data on Bishop Douglass School over the last 5 years, we have been able to provide this data, as it is within the timescale, please see attached.

We are refusing your part of your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx 56 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

Barnet has 28 Secondary schools and it takes 2 hours per school, to extract the data.

Advice and Assistance

The information that you have requested above cannot be provided within the statutory 18 hour limit, as we do not hold this data in these categories on our management system. We would need to extract the data manually from different spreadsheets and delete duplicates. You can make request for schools individually as we have provided for Bishop Douglass.

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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Your rights

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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.