

31 August 2021
Our ref: 7569264

Thank you for your request received on 12 August 2021, for the following information:

- 1. The amount of money that the council has paid for services from Parkguard Ltd in the 2020/21 financial year**
- 2. A list of services that Parkguard have carried out in the borough across the year, if any e.g. anti-social behaviour patrols, assisting with evictions**
- 3. The number of Parkguard staff currently operating in the borough, if any**
- 4. The amount of money that the council has paid for services from Parkguard Ltd in the last five financial years (please give this in an annual breakdown)**

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:

1. The amount of money that the council has paid for services from Parkguard Ltd in the 2020/21 financial year.

The value of the Parkguard contract is £136,074

2. A list of services that Parkguard have carried out in the borough across the year, if any e.g. anti-social behaviour patrols, assisting with evictions.

1 x Parks Patrol Team and 2 x Reassurance Teams patrol and visit key hotspot parks in the borough engaging with members of the public and capturing intelligence that can be used as evidence for enforcement action to be taken by the Council's Community Safety Team (Barnet CST). The teams have been used for different activities during the contract term such as dealing with ASB, unauthorised contractor access, weapons sweeps, joint action days with the Police and Barnet CST

3. The number of Parkguard staff currently operating in the borough, if any.

Under the Contract there is a minimum of four officers and a maximum of six officers in the borough on any given day

4. The amount of money that the council has paid for services from Parkguard Ltd in the last five financial years (please give this in an annual breakdown).

We have not worked with Parkguard prior to this year.

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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