



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
16 September 2021
Our ref: 7578228

Thank you for your request received on 18 August 2021, for the following information:

- 1. How many public health funerals has your council carried out each year for these financial years (April 1st - March 31st): 2019/2020 & 2020/2021? Please give figures relating to the date of funeral, rather than death if possible.**
- 2. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?**
- 3. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?**
- 4. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+**
- 5. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated, how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave.**

For clarity and comparative accuracy, I have included a table with headers which may help you interpret my questions above. I have also included columns for gender unknown just in case. I would be grateful, if possible, if you could provide the information in this way.

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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We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere. See weblinks below

[Public Health Funerals 2020/21 - Barnet Open Data](#)

[Public Health Funerals 2019/20 - Barnet Open Data](#)

[Public Health Funerals 2018/19 - Barnet Open Data](#)

2. Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?

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S41 - Confidential information

Section 41 of the FOIA (Confidential Information) Section 41 of the FOIA states the following:

(i) Information is exempt information if:

a. It was received by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority) and

b. The disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than in accordance with this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person and

c. The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1) (a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.

Section 41 (FOI) provides an absolute exemption for information meeting this definition. Whilst records relating to deceased people do not carry a common law duty of confidentiality, it is Council policy that records relating to deceased people should be treated with the same level of confidentiality as those relating to living people. Access to the health records of a deceased person is governed by the Access to Health Records Act 1990

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.