

20 September 2021  
Our ref: 7592724

Thank you for your request received on 23 August 2021, for the following information:

**I would be grateful if you could please provide the following information via email under the Freedom of Information Act:**

- 1. How many apprenticeships were started in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area? Please give data separately broken down by academic year.**
- 2. Please provide number of apprenticeships started (as per Question 1) in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area broken down by age.**
- 3. Please provide a breakdown of apprenticeships started (as per Question 1) in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area broken down by gender.**
- 4. Please provide a breakdown of apprenticeships started (as per Question 1) in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area broken down by industry of the apprenticeships.**

**Please prioritise your response to the questions in the order asked i.e. if time constraints do not allow for all questions to be answered, please answer Q1 first.**

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 are withholding some of that information since we consider that the following exemptions apply to it as outlined below.

***1. How many apprenticeships were started in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area? Please give data separately broken down by academic year.***

*2018 - 26*

*2019 - 45*

2020 - 118

2021- 160

**2. Please provide number of apprenticeships started (as per Question 1) in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area broken down by age.**

See Refusal notice below.

**3. Please provide a breakdown of apprenticeships started (as per Question 1) in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area broken down by gender.**

See Refusal notice below.

**4. Please provide a breakdown of apprenticeships started (as per Question 1) in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date in your authority area broken down by industry of the apprenticeships.**

See Refusal notice below.

## **Refusal Notice**

We are refusing parts of your request as outlined above 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 approximately 23 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

There are 349 apprentice files and we estimate it would take a minimum of 4 minutes to extract and collate the requested information from each file which would take over 23 hours to complete.

## **Advice and Assistance**

The council is looking to publish this data from 2020/21 onward starting at the end of 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/>

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.