

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
24 September 2021
Our ref: 7654696

Thank you for your request received on 13 September 2021, for the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Karma Nirvana is a national charity supporting victims and survivors of Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage.

Our Ask

We are beginning to map the prevalence of honour-based-abuse and forced marriage in the UK over the last 3 years. Our aim is to identify trends in local responses to honour-based-abuse by comparing local authority data with the data Karma Nirvana's honour-based-abuse national helpline collates.

Does your organisation's Case Management and Recording system facilitate tagging case file's where,

*** Honour based abuse has been identified Yes/No**

Please could send me:

- 1. The number of initial assessments carried out for children because they were identified as at risk of honour-based abuse?**
- 2. The number of initial assessments carried out for vulnerable adults because they were identified as at risk of honour-based abuse?**
- 3. How many MARAC referrals have been received for victims experiencing honour-based-abuse?**
- 4. The number of assessments of entitlement to housing for people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness identified as experiencing honour-based-abuse?**
- 5. How many domestic homicide reviews were undertaken during the following years?**

**2017
2018
2019
2020**

6. For each year outlined above, how many of the domestic homicide reviews related to victims impacted by Honour Based Abuse? Of these, how many victims were female? How many were male? How many were under the age of 18?

7. Honour Based Abuse Training and Awareness

8. Is training provided to staff about honour based abuse?

9. If training is delivered, which staff receive or are eligible to receive this training? Is training compulsory and how is attendance / completion measures?

10. What format does this training take place (i.e e-learning, face to face? How long does this training take to complete? How frequently is the training completed?

11. If training is provided, please provide a copy of the course objectives

12. Is honour-based abuse and forced marriage included within your safeguarding training framework?

13. Who delivers your honour-based abuse and forced marriage training? For example, external provider, in house/internally? If this is provided by an external provider, please state who this is.

14. How is the local authority assured that the honour-based abuse and forced marriage training provider is suitably qualified to deliver the training?

15. How many times has honour-based abuse and forced marriage training been provided between 01.04.2018 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.2020 31.03.2021?

16. How many people have attended/completed training between 01.04.2018 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.2020 31.03.2021?

17. Which types of professionals have attended honour-based abuse and forced marriage training between 01.04.2018 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.2020 31.03.2021? For example, social workers, police officers, voluntary sector.

18. Please provide a copy of the training material.

I would like the above information to be provided to me as paper or electronic copies.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this email.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
11	22	19

The number of assessments

2. The number of initial assessments carried out for vulnerable adults because they were identified as at risk of honour-based abuse?

2018	2019/20	2020/21
5	17	15

The number of assessments

3. How many MARAC referrals have been received for victims experiencing honour-based-abuse?

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
3	3	3

The number of assessments

4. The number of assessments of entitlement to housing for people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness identified as experiencing honour-based-abuse?

I am writing to advise that Barnet Council does not hold this information as it is held by Barnet Homes.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

2 Bristol Avenue,

Colindale,

London NW9 4EW

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2017

2018

2019

2020

2017 - 1

2018 - 2

2019 - 1

2020 - 0

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2 males and 2 females, none under 18

7. Honour Based Abuse Training and Awareness

Is available for self-enrollment to all LBB audiences since its launch earlier in the year.

8. Is training provided to staff about honour based abuse?

Yes

9. If training is delivered, which staff receive or are eligible to receive this training? Is training compulsory and how is attendance / completion measures?

Not delivered on the Corporate Programme

All staff are able to access live learning, training and e-learning as well as our external multi-agency partnerships which include Health, Education, and voluntary sector .

Training on forced marriage is not compulsory.

Attendance is tracked with attendance records.

10. What format does this training take place (i.e e-learning, face to face? How long does this training take to complete? How frequently is the training completed?

Classroom training, live virtual and hybrid training takes place.

In relation to E-learning, free self-enrolment on demand on the Barnet learning management system known to users as POD

Different learning events vary in lengths between 30mins for e-learning up to to 1 day for live learning

The frequency of training varies and dependant on service needs.

11. If training is provided, please provide a copy of the course objectives

Live learning events were not specific to this subject but the subject was covered in training sessions focussed on this and other wider safeguarding issues.

The course objectives are:

Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage (30 minutes)

Forced marriage is a form of honour-based violence. It occurs when a marriage takes place without the free consent of the people getting married.

This module looks at what honour means in the context of honour-based violence and its underlying motives. Guidance is provided for social care practitioners, social workers and those working with children and young people, on their roles and responsibilities. This module also covers the legislation connected with honour-based violence and forced marriage. A multiple-choice knowledge check is included.

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Yes

13. Who delivers your honour-based abuse and forced marriage training? For example, external provider, in house/internally? If this is provided by an external provider, please state who this is.

In relation to live learning, we did not commission any training specifically for Honour-based abuse and forced marriage but the subject was covered in the following training courses:

2018-2019

Child Abuse linked to Faith or belief – Trainer [Name redacted - see refusal notice below]

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Level 2 – Trainer Jewish Women's Aid

2019-2020

Child Abuse linked to Faith – Trainer Barnardo's

Sexual Awareness – Trainer Solace Women's Aid

Harmful Practices – Trainer Asian Women's Resource Centre

2020-2021

Enhancing our trauma informed approach for clients experiencing multiple disadvantage – Trainer AVA

In relation to E-Learning, this is provided by Learning Pool originated digital content.

14. How is the local authority assured that the honour-based abuse and forced marriage training provider is suitably qualified to deliver the training?

Our Workforce Development Team quality assures training providers and the training that is delivered.

In relation to E-Learning provided by Learning Pool, these are quality assured through collaboration with leading practitioners in the industry to develop training that is properly underpinned by current legislation, national standards, latest research findings and best practice. Learning Pool's pre-built social care and health e-learning lessons deliver value through full compliance with the requirements of the Care Quality Commission and endorsed by Skills for Care. See their website for further info: <https://learningpool.com/solutions/ready-made-elearning-catalogues/social-care-and-health/>

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2018-2019

Child Abuse linked to Faith or belief – Trainer [Name redacted - see refusal notice below] x 1 session

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Level 2 – Trainer Jewish Women's Aid x 3 sessions

2019-2020

Child Abuse linked to Faith – Trainer Barnardo's x 1 session

Sexual Awareness – Trainer Solace Women's Aid x 3 sessions

Harmful Practices – Trainer Asian Women's Resource Centre x 1 session

2020-2021

Enhancing our trauma informed approach for clients experiencing multiple disadvantage – Trainer AVA x 2 sessions

The elearning course is available continually.

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2018-2019

Child Abuse linked to Faith or belief: 17 people attended

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Level 2: 41 people attended

2019-2020

Child Abuse linked to Faith: 9 people attended

Sexual Awareness : 19 people attended

Harmful Practices: 19 people attended

2020-2021

Enhancing our trauma informed approach for clients experiencing multiple disadvantage: x 23 people attended

Since launch (February 2021) 5 course completions 3 in progress. (LMS Status Report Attached)

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Training is attended by social workers, Early Help practitioners, foster carers, health professionals, housing, education, mental health, youth offending services and voluntary sector.

18. Please provide a copy of the training material.

We do not have consent from externally commissioned trainers to share their training materials.

Information exempt, all rights to material owned by Learning Pool

Refusal Notice

Section 43 – Commercial in confidence

Because of the commercial nature of this process and the subsequent variations in rates of pay, we have concluded that this information is exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) because the disclosure of this information would be prejudicial to the third party's interests. This is a qualified or non-absolute exemption and the public interest test applies.

We recognise the public interest in the disclosure of this information. These factors include the importance of transparency in the decision-making process relating to the spending of public money to ensure that procurement processes are conducted in an open and honest way. It is also important for the public to see taxpayers' money being used effectively and public authorities getting value for money.

However, the disclosure of this information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the company who contract their services to us if details of their training material content is disclose. Disclosure of this information is likely to have a negative impact on the contractor's future bargaining position, causing them financial disadvantage or loss. We believe that it is important to withhold this information to prevent prejudice to our contractor's future bargaining position when bidding for other course e-learning delivery projects. In addition, and as a consequence to the potential prejudice caused to our contractors, there is a strong risk that the Council's bargaining position for the future would be prejudiced because contractors and suppliers may become reluctant to enter into further free and frank negotiations for fear their commercially valuable training material content would be disclosed. For these reasons we consider that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

S 40 (2) General - Personal Data

Section 40 (2) identification of trainer

We have also redacted the name of trainer from the above by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with the data protection principle found in Article 5.1(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) lawfully, transparently and fairly. We have considered whether disclosure is lawful and fair and whilst it may be lawful under Article 6.1(f) GDPR (legitimate interests) it would not be fair to the individuals concerned who would not expect the names of junior employees to be disclosed as part of such a request.

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

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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 Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, 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.