

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 7626976

Thank you for your request received on 3 September 2021, for the following information:

Please may you provide me with:

- * 1. As of 3rd September 2021, how many looked after children are in the care of your local authority?**
- * 2a) As of 3rd September 2021, how many sibling groups are in the care of your local authority?**
- * b) What is the total number of children in the sibling groups identified in response to Q2a?**
- * 3. How many sibling groups are all placed together?**
- * 4. How many children in your care, who are part of a sibling group, are not living with at least one of their siblings?**
- * 5. a) As of 3rd September 2021, how many approved foster carers (including all approved carers) do you have?**
- * b) As of 3rd September 2021, how many of those approved foster carers do you have currently looking after children?**

I would like the above information provided to me in electronic copies, preferably via email.

Please reply to all in this email.

If my request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could provide me with further advice, as outlined in the Act. If you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact me and I would be very happy to discuss the request.

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

Please may you provide me with:

- * 1. As of 3rd September 2021, how many looked after children are in the care of your local authority?***

326

*** 2a) As of 3rd September 2021, how many sibling groups are in the care of your local authority?**

48

*** b) What is the total number of children in the sibling groups identified in response to Q2a?**

117

*** 3. How many sibling groups are all placed together?**

35

*** 4. How many children in your care, who are part of a sibling group, are not living with at least one of their siblings?**

37

*** 5. a) As of 3rd September 2021, how many approved foster carers (including all approved carers) do you have?**

93

*** b) As of 3rd September 2021, how many of those approved foster carers do you have currently looking after children?**

63

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 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.