

London Borough of Barnet  
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London, NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 7627276

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

**Details regarding the number of premises used regularly by the council's Youth Offending Service**

**Details regarding the number of the council's Youth Offending Services' premises which have a static weapons detection system ie. knife arches in place and the name/s of these premises.**

**Details of any mobile weapons detection systems ie. knife wands used by the council's Youth Offending Service to search young people for weapons and when this is used.**

**Details available of any serious incidents involving weapons on premises used regularly by the Youth Offending Service or at Youth Offending Service events, including the number of such incidents, between March 2018 and March 2021 and details of how such incidents are recorded.**

**Is the council considering introducing weapons detection systems, either static or portable, into premises used regularly by its Youth Offending Service?**

**Please could you attach any policies used by the council's Youth Offending Service on searching young people aged under 18 for weapons before attending meetings/events on premises used regularly by the Youth Offending Service.**

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

***Details regarding the number of premises used regularly by the council's Youth Offending Service***

***Details regarding the number of the council's Youth Offending Services' premises which have a static weapons detection system ie. knife arches in place and the name/s of these premises.***

There is no static weapons detection system in place

***Details of any mobile weapons detection systems ie. knife wands used by the council's Youth Offending Service to search young people for weapons and when this is used.***

Knife wands are being used at the BFFH for all Children and Young People attending the hub for Youth Offending Service and other statutory meetings

***Details available of any serious incidents involving weapons on premises used regularly by the Youth Offending Service or at Youth Offending Service events, including the number of such incidents, between March 2018 and March 2021 and details of how such incidents are recorded.***

The Youth Offending Service moved premises in January 2020. There have been no reported incidents since that time.

***Is the council considering introducing weapons detection systems, either static or portable, into premises used regularly by its Youth Offending Service?***

Not at the moment.

***Please could you attach any policies used by the council's Youth Offending Service on searching young people aged under 18 for weapons before attending meetings/events on premises used regularly by the Youth Offending Service.***

As attached.

## **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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