

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
4 October 2021
Our ref: 7649132

Thank you for your request received on 7 September 2021, for the following information:

Details:

a) Number of young people aged 11 to 16 that were not in education because of mental health or anxiety during:

- * September 2018 to July 2019**
- * September 2019 to July 2020**
- * September 2020 to July 2021**

b) Average length of persistent absences for those young people during the same periods.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

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- * September 2018 to July 2019***
- * September 2019 to July 2020***
- * September 2020 to July 2021***

There is no requirement for the council to record this level of information regarding absences from school, whilst DfE data will show absences for a variety of reasons including medical and illness, it does not detail absences due to mental health or anxiety. Therefore, this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the council.

Advice and Assistance

You will need to contact each school individually, as they are a data controller in their own right and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. See link to Schools directory for contacts to approach: [Schools | Barnet Council](#)

b) Average length of persistent absences for those young people during the same periods.

As per response to question 1, this information is not held by the council, please contact individual schools for this data.

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.