

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
11 October 2021
Our ref: 7654896

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 patterns and 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,

- * Forced marriage has been identified Yes/No**
- * FGM 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 or experienced forced marriage between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Please could provide the age and gender breakdown in the table below

2. The number of initial assessments carried out for vulnerable adults because they were identified as at risk of or experienced forced marriage between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Please could you provide the age and gender breakdown in the table below

3. How many MARAC referrals have been received for victims at risk of/experienced forced marriage between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21?

Please could you provide the age and gender breakdown in the table below

4. The number of initial assessments carried out for children because they were identified as at risk of or experienced FGM between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Please could you provide the age and gender breakdown in the table below

5. The number of initial assessments carried out for vulnerable adults because they were identified as at risk of or experienced FGM between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Please could you provide the breakdown of age and gender in the table below?

6. How many MARAC referrals have been received for victims at risk of/experienced FGM between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21?

Please could you provide the age and gender breakdowns in the table below

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

Response

I can confirm that the council holds the information you requested. However we are withholding the information because we consider that the following exemption exemptions and exceptions apply to it.

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

**** Forced marriage has been identified***

Yes

**** FGM has been identified***

Yes

Please could send me:

1. The number of initial assessments carried out for children because they were identified as at risk of or experienced forced marriage between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Forced Marriage - Children	01.04.18 - 31.03.19	01.04.19 - 31.03.20	01.04.20 - 31.03.21*
0 > 10	Not held	Not held	<5
11 > 15	Not held	Not held	6

16 > 17	Not held	Not held	<5
18 plus	Not held	Not held	<5
TOTAL	Not held	Not held	13
Female	Not held	Not held	8
Male	Not held	Not held	5
Transgender	Not held	Not held	Not held
Lesbian	Not held	Not held	Not held
Gay	Not held	Not held	Not held
Non-binary	Not held	Not held	Not held
Bisexual	Not held	Not held	Not held
Any Other Gender	Not held	Not held	Not held

*Recording was only introduced in January 2021

2. The number of initial assessments carried out for vulnerable adults because they were identified as at risk of or experienced forced marriage between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Please could you provide the age and gender breakdown in the table below

Forced Marriage - Adults	01.04.18 - 31.03.19	01.04.19 - 31.03.20	01.04.20 - 31.03.21*
16 > 17	Not held	Not held	See response to Q1
18 > 25	Not held	Not held	See response to Q1
26 > 35	Not held	Not held	0
36 > 45	Not held	Not held	0
46 > 55	Not held	Not held	0
56 > 65	Not held	Not held	0
66 > 75	Not held	Not held	0
75 +	Not held	Not held	0

	Not held	Not held	0
Female	Not held	Not held	0
Male	Not held	Not held	0
Transgender	Not held	Not held	Not held
Lesbian	Not held	Not held	Not held
Gay	Not held	Not held	Not held
Non-binary	Not held	Not held	Not held
Bisexual	Not held	Not held	Not held
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Forced Marriage - MARAC	01.04.18 - 31.03.19	01.04.19 - 31.03.20	01.04.20 - 31.03.21
16 > 17	0	0	0
18 > 25	0	1	1
26 > 35	0	0	1
36 > 45	0	0	0
46 > 55	0	0	0
56 > 65	0	0	0
66 > 75	0	0	0
75 +	0	0	0
Female	0	1	2
Male	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0
Lesbian	0	0	0
Gay	0	0	0
Non-binary	0	0	0
Bisexual	0	0	0
Any Other Gender	0	0	0

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Please could you provide the age and gender breakdown in the table below

FGM - Children	01.04.18 - 31.03.19	01.04.19 - 31.03.20	01.04.20 - 31.03.21

0 > 10	<5	0	0
11 > 15	0	<5	0
16 > 17	0	0	0
18 +	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Female	<5	<5	0
Male	0	0	0
Transgender	Not held	Not held	0
Lesbian	Not held	Not held	0
Gay	Not held	Not held	0
Non-binary	Not held	Not held	0
Bisexual	Not held	Not held	0
Any Other Gender	Not held	Not held	0

5. The number of initial assessments carried out for vulnerable adults because they were identified as at risk of or experienced FGM between 01.04.18 - 31.03.19, 01.04.19 - 31.03.20, & 01.04.20 - 31.03.21.

Please could you provide the breakdown of age and gender in the table below?

FGM - Adults	01.04.18 - 31.03.19	01.04.19 - 31.03.20	01.04.20 - 31.03.21
18 > 25	Please see Question 4 response	Please see Question 4 response	Please see Question 4 response
26 > 35	Not held	Not held	Not held
36 > 45	Not held	Not held	Not held
46 > 55	Not held	Not held	Not held
56 > 65	Not held	Not held	Not held
66 > 75	Not held	Not held	Not held
75 +	Not held	Not held	Not held
Female	Not held	Not held	Not held
Male	Not held	Not held	Not held
Transgender	Not held	Not held	Not held
Lesbian	Not held	Not held	Not held
Gay	Not held	Not held	Not held
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Please could you provide the age and gender breakdowns in the table below

FGM - MARAC	01.04.18 -	01.04.19 -	01.04.20 -
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	31.03.19	31.03.20	31.03.21
16 > 17	0	0	0
18 > 25	0	0	0
26 > 35	0	0	0
36 > 45	0	0	0
46 > 55	0	0	0
56 > 65	0	0	0
66 > 75	0	0	0
75 +	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0
Lesbian	0	0	0
Gay	0	0	0
Non-binary	0	0	0
Bisexual	0	0	0
Any Other Gender	0	0	0

Refusal Notice

S 40 (2) identifying individuals through statistical tables (fewer than 5)

The information you require is above, but some information has been redacted. This is because in some instances, owing to the low numbers of individuals involved (fewer than 5) disclosing this data may make it possible for individuals to be identified. This information is therefore exempt 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 data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply.

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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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Your rights

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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.