

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
13 October 2021
Our ref: 7687284

Thank you for your request received on 27 September 2021, for the following information:

1) How many looked after children do you support?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

2) How many of these looked after children are currently living in a placement outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- ii) 2020 - 2021**

3) How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 20 miles outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

4) How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 100 miles outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- ii) 2020 - 2021**

5) How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement

more than 200 miles outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- ii) 2020 - 2021**

6) How much did you spend on services for looked after children in:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

7) Can you provide a breakdown of how much of that spend was paid to private children's homes and accommodation providers?

For each of the following time periods:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1) How many looked after children do you support?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019***
- ii) 2019 - 2020***
- iii) 2020 - 2021***

Year	Number of Children in Care during Year
2018-19	486
2019-20	496
2020-21	468

2) How many of these looked after children are currently living in a placement outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- ii) 2020 - 2021**

Year	Outside
2018-19	309
2019-20	320
2020-21	303

3) How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 20 miles outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

Year	More than 20 Miles
2018-19	75
2019-20	75
2020-21	68

4) How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 100 miles outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- ii) 2020 - 2021**

Year	More than 100 Miles
2018-19	19

2019-20	18
2020-21	19

5) How many of your looked after children are currently living in a placement more than 200 miles outside your local authority area?

Please give a breakdown for:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- ii) 2020 - 2021**

Year	More than 200 Miles
2018-19	4
2019-20	4
2020-21	2

6) How much did you spend on services for looked after children in:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

Year	Spend
2018-19	£20,385,462
2019-20	£20,458,562
2020-21	£22,019,821

7) Can you provide a breakdown of how much of that spend was paid to private children's homes and accommodation providers?

For each of the following time periods:

- i) 2018 - 2019**
- ii) 2019 - 2020**
- iii) 2020 - 2021**

Year	Spend
2018-19	£13,400,254
2019-20	£14,563,045

2020-21	£16,032,458
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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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