

14 October 2021
Our ref: 7665392

Thank you for your request received on 22 September 2021, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

I am writing to request information held by this council pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide information held by you in relation to admission to prison for Council Tax non-payment over the period starting on 1 January 2019 and ending on 1 September 2021, broken down by calendar year.

Please provide the following information:

- 1) Against how many people were committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax commenced?**
- 2) How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax?**
- 3) What was the overall total number of days served in prison by all of the people committed to prison for non-payment of council tax owed to the local authority?**

If anything is unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act you are required to advise and assist requesters.

It would be appreciated if all of the information could be provided in Excel format, rather than pdf, if available.

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 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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