

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
26 October 2021
Our ref: 7699380

Thank you for your request received on 4 October 2021, for the following information:

Hello,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you send:

The number of searches that Parkguard has carried out in the borough over the last year.

b) What was the purpose of these searches?

The number of evictions that Parkguard have carried out or assisted the police with in the borough over the last year

b) What was the purpose/context for these evictions?

What uniform do Parkguard officers wear when on patrol? e.g. can they wear plain clothes?

Are Parkguard officers in possession of handcuffs and/or weapons when operating in the borough

This is further to an FOI I sent a few months ago which confirmed that Parkguard operates as a private policing company in this borough.

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:

Hello,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you send:

The number of searches that Parkguard has carried out in the borough over the last year.

0 - Parkguard do not have the power to search a person.

b) What was the purpose of these searches?

Not applicable

The number of evictions that Parkguard have carried out or assisted the police with in the borough over the last year

0

b) What was the purpose/context for these evictions?

Not applicable

What uniform do Parkguard officers wear when on patrol? e.g. can they wear plain clothes?

An identifiable uniform is worn at all times on duty.

Are Parkguard officers in possession of handcuffs and/or weapons when operating in the borough

Yes

This is further to an FOI I sent a few months ago which confirmed that Parkguard operates as a private policing company in this borough.

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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