

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
28 October 2021
Our ref: 7692916

Thank you for your request received on 1 October 2021, for the following information:

Numbers of children in the Borough taken into care between 1 April 2018 and March 31 2019, between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 and between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 a) in total b) over the age of 12 c) over the age of 16, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in the Borough where 1) gangs 2) child sexual exploitation was a factor during assessment by a social worker between a) 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 and b) 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, c) 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in care in the Borough where 1) gangs, 2) child sexual exploitation was a factor identified during a referral to children's social services between a) 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 b) 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 c) 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

What assessment the Borough has made about the number of children in the Borough who are active members of gangs between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, including by gender and ethnicity?

The number of children in care in the Borough living in semi-independent accommodation between a) 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 b) 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 c) 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in the Borough who are home educated between a) 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 b) 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 c) 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in care in the Borough who are assessed as having Special Educational Needs between a) 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 and b) 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in care in the Borough who have a criminal record between a) 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 and b) 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in care in the Borough who have been detained in a police station in the previous 24 months between a) 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 and b) 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, including by gender and ethnicity.

The number of children in care in the Borough who spent some or all of their time in a placement a) outside the Borough b) outside Greater London by year since 1 April 2017.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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Please see our response on the attached spreadsheet

We are unable to provide the ethnicity data where the numbers are too low (5 or fewer). Please see the Refusal Notice (Personal data -exemption) below.

Refusal Notice Personal data Section 40(2) identifying individuals through statistical tables (fewer than 5) The information you require is below, but some information has been redacted in the table. 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/>

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.