

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
3 November 2021  
Our ref: 7734136

Thank you for your request received on 15 October 2021, for the following information:

**I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you would contact me as I understand that under the Act you are required to advise and assist requesters.**

**I am requesting the following,**

**1. Details of any records of wildlife in your borough being affected by recreational drug use that has impacted the natural environment. For example, eels in the Thames that have become hyperactive due to cocaine in the water. Please detail the year, location, and specific issue of the record if possible.**

**I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing or by email that you have received this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## **Response**

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have not had any reports of this nature.

## **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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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.