

London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
4 November 2021  
Our ref: 7777855

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

**I am writing to make an open government request for all the information detailed below to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**With regards to Citizenship Ceremonies held in the borough, please send me:**

- \* Ceremony dates and number of participants (applicants) for events already held in the last 6 months (T - 6 months period)**
- \* Ceremony dates and number of participants (applicants) booked in for events planned for the upcoming 3 months (T + 3 months period)- Indication if the ceremonies above took place in person or were/are virtual events**
- \* Indication if the ceremonies listed above were group or private events, clearly marking the cases that needed or will need additional self-funding (indication only, e.g. for private ceremonies)**
- \* The number of approved applications and invitation letters sent by the Home Office to the Registers Office during the last 6 months, reported on a week by week basis (T - 6 months period)**

**For all these details, the reference date (T) is the date when the response is compiled by your teams. Data should be reported as a snapshot as of the reference date (T).**

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 attached.

We have included the number of approved applications sent to us from the Home Office, however we receive their certificates not the Home Office invitation letters, they are sent directly from the Home Office to the new citizens.

### **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](http://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.**

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