

London Borough of Barnet  
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Our ref: 7744996

Thank you for your request received on 20 October 2021, for the following information:

***How many people work within the Internal Audit department?***

***Is your Audit Department part of a partnership (joint working or hub)?***

***If so which other Local Authorities do they work alongside with?***

***Do you have a case management system that the Audit Team use?***

***If so who supplies it and what is the Company?***

***What is the name of the system?***

***When does the contractual agreement to use the software expire?***

***What is the annual cost to use the systems in place?***

***Does the Audit Department use any analytical software?***

***If so who supplies it and what is the company? What is the name of the system?***

***Is your Fraud Team managed by your Audit Department?***

***Who is the Head of Audit?***

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

***How many people work within the Internal Audit department?***

5 full time employees and 2 part time employees. There is currently 1 vacancy.

***Is your Audit Department part of a partnership (joint working or hub)?***

Yes. Barnet runs the Cross Council Assurance Service (CCAS), which is a Framework contract that other bodies can use. The Internal Audit part of the contract is currently provided by PwC.

***If so which other Local Authorities do they work alongside with?***

At present there are 35 bodies signed up to the Framework. The local authorities signed up to use the Internal Audit lot are:

- 1 Barking & Dagenham
- 2 Barnet
- 3 Brent
- 4 Camden
- 5 Chelmsford City Council
- 8 Ealing
- 9 Enfield
- 10 Greenwich
- 11 Hammersmith & Fulham
- 12 Harrow
- 13 Havering
- 14 Hounslow
- 15 Islington
- 16 Kensington & Chelsea
- 17 Lambeth
- 18 Lancashire
- 19 Lewisham
- 20 Newham

- 21 Redbridge
- 22 Southend Borough Council
- 23 Staffordshire County Council
- 24 Waltham Forest
- 25 Westminster
- 26 Wokingham Borough Council

***Do you have a case management system that the Audit Team use?***

No

***If so who supplies it and what is the Company?***

N/A

***What is the name of the system?***

N/A

***When does the contractual agreement to use the software expire?***

N/A

***What is the annual cost to use the systems in place?***

N/A

***Does the Audit Department use any analytical software?***

No specialist analytical software packages are used outside the Office 365 suite. Some reviews undertaken by PwC on our behalf use other software.

***If so who supplies it and what is the company? What is the name of the system?***

N/A

***Is your Fraud Team managed by your Audit Department?***

No

## **Who is the Head of Audit?**

Caroline Glitre, Head of Internal Audit

## **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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