

London Borough of Barnet  
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Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
9 May 2022  
Our ref: 8233999

Thank you for your request received on 18 April 2022, for the following information:

**I am writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**Please can you provide the number of libraries at the end of each of the following financial years:**

**2016-2017  
2017-2018  
2018-2019  
2019-2020  
2020-2021  
2021-2022**

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

***Please can you provide the number of libraries at the end of each of the following financial years:***

**2016-2017  
2017-2018  
2018-2019  
2019-2020  
2020-2021  
2021-2022**

The number of public libraries at the end of each of the financial year has not changed in London Borough of Barnet. There are a total of 14 libraries within the statutory network and 2 community libraries which sit outside the statutory provision. We also have 1 mobile library vehicle.

## 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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