

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
17 May 2022
Our ref: 8243796

Thank you for your request received on 27 April 2022, for the following information:

- 1. In 2020, 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, how many individuals claiming to be children (aged under 18) were referred to your children's services department having been assessed to be an adult by the Home Office? (please provide figures broken down by each calendar year)**
- 2. Of those referred, how many were subsequently assessed by your children's services department to be under 18? (please provide figures broken down by each calendar year)**

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

1. In 2020, 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, how many individuals claiming to be children (aged under 18) were referred to your children's services department having been assessed to be an adult by the Home Office? (please provide figures broken down by each calendar year)

Please see numbers of individuals claiming to be children who were referred to our children's services after they had been screened as adults by the Home Office

2020	20 Individuals
2021	40 Individuals
2022 Qtr 1	0 Individuals

Please be advised that the Home Office screens individuals when they arrive in the United Kingdom to identify if they are applying for asylum as an unaccompanied child or adult.

2. Of those referred, how many were subsequently assessed by your children's services department to be under 18? (please provide figures broken down by each calendar year)

2020	14 Individuals
2021	34 Individuals
2022 Qtr 1	0 Individuals

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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