

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
23 May 2022
Our ref: 8279229

Thank you for your request received on 16 May 2022, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

Q1. During the month of April 2022, how many council employees were working from home, and what percentage of the office based workforce does this represent?

Q2. Between 1st and 30th April 2022, how many desk bookings were made across the council's office buildings and, on average, how many desk bookings were there a day during this month?

Q3. How many desks were available for use in the month April 2022 across the council's office buildings?

Q4. What was the maximum number of office staff who could theoretically work in the office on any given day in April 2022?

Q5. What was the total number of office staff who worked in your council's offices each day prior to the pandemic?

Please provide this data in an excel sheet attachment, and not in a PDF attachment.

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

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

Q1. During the month of April 2022, how many council employees were working from home, and what percentage of the office based workforce does this represent?

Unknown. Some staff already worked from home for a proportion of their time but the amount is not recorded.

Q2. Between 1st and 30th April 2022, how many desk bookings were made

across the council's office buildings and, on average, how many desk bookings were there a day during this month?

The council does not use a desk booking system.

Q3. How many desks were available for use in the month April 2022 across the council's office buildings?

There are 1900 desk spaces available across the Civic Estate.

Q4. What was the maximum number of office staff who could theoretically work in the office on any given day in April 2022?

1900

Q5. What was the total number of office staff who worked in your council's offices each day prior to the pandemic?

1 600-1900 Across all Civic Estate.

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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Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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