

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
27 May 2022
Our ref: 8256730

Thank you for your request received on 29 April 2022, for the following information:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. 1. How many Afghan refugees have been settled in your borough as part of Operation Warm Welcome (Since July 2021- the present)? Please provide a monthly breakdown if possible as well as a breakdown of the number of men, women and children.

1. 2. Of these refugees, how many have been settled into long term housing since July 2021? Please specify if the housing is within your borough and if it is not, please indicate which borough it is in.

1. 3. How many refugees are currently living in temporary accommodation within your borough? What type of accommodation (hotel, social housing etc...)? Please provide as many details as possible, including hotel names.

1. 4. Who has been responsible for determining where to accommodate refugees while they await long-term resettlement (organizing contracts with hotels etc...)?

1. 5. What is the cost to the council to house these refugees in temporary accommodation?

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need any clarification regarding my request. Thank you and I look forward to your response.

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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Family 1 : Husband and wife housed in Barnet

Family 2 : Housed in Barnet. Husband and wife with 3 children aged 9, 6, 1.

Both households in settled private rented accommodation in Barnet.

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Temporary Accommodation type	Number of households
Accommodation within own stock	6
Leased private sector accommodation	7
Nightly paid private managed accommodation	8
Grand Total	21

1. 4. Who has been responsible for determining where to accommodate refugees while they await long-term resettlement (organizing contracts with hotels etc...)

Barnet Homes delivers the housing and homeless service on behalf of the council and will provide accommodation to eligible refugees in accordance with the homeless legislation and the Council's Housing Allocation Scheme. Barnet Homes has a range of supply options to meet housing demand and will offer accommodation that is assessed as being suitable in accordance with statute and supporting guidance.

1. 5. What is the cost to the council to house these refugees in temporary accommodation?

Refugees will have recourse to public funds and be eligible for Housing Benefit to help meet the costs of providing temporary accommodation.

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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