

London Borough of Barnet  
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Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
1 June 2022  
Our ref: 8261547

Thank you for your request received on 5 May 2022, for the following information:

- 1. Does your local authority have a joint protocol between housing and children's services for 16-and 17-year olds as specified in the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department for Education (DfE) guidance 'Prevention of homelessness and provision of accommodation for 16 and 17 year old young people who may be homeless and/or require accommodation'?**
- 2. Does your local authority's statutory advocacy offer provide advice to 16- and 17-year-olds faced with homelessness, as recommended in point 3.47 of the guidance 'Prevention of homelessness and provision of accommodation for 16 and 17 year old young people who may be homeless and/or require accommodation'?**
- 3. Does your local authority have a joint housing protocol for care leavers, as recommended by the joint DfE and MHCLG/DLUHC guidance 'Joint housing protocols for care leavers: good practice advice' published in October 2020.**
- 4. If your answer to questions one and/or three is yes, could you please provide us with a copy of the joint protocol or any related documents? You may only have one document for both answers.**

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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Please see attached

## **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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