

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 8251631

Thank you for your request received on 10 May 2022, for the following information:

I would like to request some information under the FOI act 2000.

**A recent report in the Guardian newspaper showed that immigration officers working on behalf of the home office are working within your council/local authority. Here is a link to the story for clarity:
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/may/01/immigration-officers-local-authorities-home-office-foi-embedded>**

I would like to request the following information about this topic.

How many Home Office immigration officers are embedded within the local authority?

How much has the local authority spent in the last three years on employing these Home Office Immigration Officers?

How many times have these immigration officers your local authority employs referred people to immigration authorities/enforcement?

How many people who have been the subject of safeguarding referrals within your local authority have subsequently been referred onto the immigration authorities/enforcement?

I would like to request this information in a digital format. If you require any further clarification please contact me immediately and i will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

How many Home Office immigration officers are embedded within the local authority?

None

How much has the local authority spent in the last three years on employing these Home Office Immigration Officers?

N/A

How many times have these immigration officers your local authority employs referred people to immigration authorities/enforcement?

None

How many people who have been the subject of safeguarding referrals within your local authority have subsequently been referred onto the immigration authorities/enforcement?

None

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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