

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
22 June 2022
Our ref: 8286728

Thank you for your request received on 23 May 2022, for the following information:

Semi independent placements for 16-18 year olds with specialist need

1. How many young people do you currently have placed in semi-independent accommodation with:

1a. mental health needs

1b. criminal justice / drug use / gang involvement

1c. Can you provide the figures for the above for the period between 2019 - 2022

2. How many young people do you currently have waiting for a place in semi-independent accommodation with:

2a. mental health needs

2b. criminal justice / drug use / gang involvement

2c. Can you provide the figures for the above for the period from 2019 - 2022

3. How many children in semi-independent accommodation are placed out of borough? How far (in miles) is the furthest placement?

4. On average, how long does each placement (for a child with specialist/higher level needs) last?

5. How many providers do you use (please provide a list) in borough and out of borough for

5a. specialist mental health

5b. Criminal justice/gangs/drugs service

6. What is the average weekly costs to the council per child for the property cost and management services for semi independent placements for 16-18-year-olds

7. What services are provided to children with:

7a. mental health needs

7b. criminal justice / drug use/gang involvement

8. What is the procurement process for semi-independent living services for young people aged 16-18 years of age.

9. Who is the person, and their manager, to contact to discuss procurement processes for semi independent for 16-18 year olds?

Supported living for Mother and Babies

1. How many mother and babies do you currently have placed in supported accommodation?

2. Can you provide the figures for the above for the period between 2019 - 2022
3. How many mother and babies do you currently have waiting for a place for supported accommodation?
4. Can you provide the figures for the above for the period from 2019 - 2022
5. How many service providers do you use for mother/baby supported accommodation? Please provide a list.
6. How many mother and babies in supported accommodation are placed out of borough? How far (in miles) is the furthest placement?
7. On average, how long does each placement last?
8. What services are provided to the mothers/babies in placement?
9. What is the average weekly costs to the council per mother/baby?
10. Who is the person and their manager, to contact to discuss procurement processes? Please provide their contact details.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I can confirm that the council holds the information you requested. However we are withholding some of the information because we consider that the following exemptions and exceptions apply to it.

Please see our response on the attached document

We are unable to provide you with information on mental health needs and criminal justice/ drug use / gang involvement and this is not available in a reportable format. Please see refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice

S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulation rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx 37 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

For the period of 2019 - 2022 we would have to review 220 case files and it will take at least 10 minutes to review the information requested

Advice and Assistance

We are unable to suggest a way of narrowing down the request to bring it within the time limit.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.