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Our ref: 8314960

Thank you for your request received on 7 June 2022, for the following information:

Please tell me how many tenants claimed housing benefit for bed and breakfast (B&B) accommodation in the (a) 2020/21 and (b) 2021/22 financial year?

What was the total value of the housing benefit granted in the (a) 2020/21 and (b) 2021/22 financial year for B&B accommodation and the number of people between which this amount was divided.

Please tell me the three most expensive amounts paid per single night of accommodation in B&B accommodation in 2020/21 or 2021/22, and tell me the names and addresses of the B&Bs in which those costs were incurred

Finally, please tell me how many tenants were housed in B&B accommodation for the entire period of the 2021/22 financial year. For each one please state the total cost and the name and address of the B&B.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

Please tell me how many tenants claimed housing benefit for bed and breakfast (B&B) accommodation in the (a) 2020/21 and (b) 2021/22 financial year?

- a. There were 242 claims in Bed & Breakfast Accommodation in 2020/21
- b. There were 138 claims in Bed & Breakfast Accommodation in 2020/21

What was the total value of the housing benefit granted in the (a) 2020/21 and (b) 2021/22 financial year for B&B accommodation and the number of people between which this amount was divided.

a. £684,673

b. £378,947

The number of claims housing benefit was paid to for the respective years is shown in question 1.

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Barnet Council does not hold this information. Please make your request directly to Barnet Homes as outlined below.

Finally, please tell me how many tenants were housed in B&B accommodation for the entire period of the 2021/22 financial year. For each one please state the total cost and the name and address of the B&B.

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Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make an FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

2 Bristol Avenue,

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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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.