

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 8304390

Thank you for your request received on 6 June 2022, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please let me know the following? Please don't send links to council reports - I am only after the below information.

- 1) What was your annual net spend on public sports and leisure facilities and pitches for the 2012/13 financial year, compared to the 2021/22 financial year please?**
- 2) How many school playing fields were there in May 2012 compared to May 2022?**
- 3) How many free-to-use public sports fields were there in May 2012 compared to May 2022?**

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.

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- 1) What was your annual net spend on public sports and leisure facilities and pitches for the 2012/13 financial year, compared to the 2021/22 financial year please?***

The Council's 5 leisure facilities are operated by a third party partner, Better. Better are responsible for operation and maintenance of the facilities, however the Council maintain liability for the roof and structure with a reactive maintenance net spend of c,£21,500 in 2021/2022. Due to the migration of the Council's finance system in 2014, we are unable to provide financial data for the 2012/2013 financial year.

- 2) How many school playing fields were there in May 2012 compared to May 2022?***

The Council does not hold this data. The requestor will need to contact schools individually to obtain this information.

[Schools | Barnet Council](#)

3) How many free-to-use public sports fields were there in May 2012 compared to May 2022?

We do not hold a count of sports fields from 2012. However please see our 'Playing Pitch Strategy circa 2017' via the following link for further information on the present and future need for outdoor pitch provision in the borough - <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/epryv/draft-playing-pitch-strategy-2017>. This data is being updated currently and is expected to be released later this year.

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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