

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
19 July 2022
Our ref: 8324008

Thank you for your request received on 24 June 2022, for the following information:

This request relates to the impact on the provision of Council services of the Council's office- based staff and contractors 'working from home' (or other remote locations) rather than working in Council or contractor's premises. References below to 'working from home' are to 'working from home' in the sense used above.

Please -

- 1. provide copies of any documents dated after 01 September 2021 reporting on or considering the impact of 'working from home' on the provision of Council services (whether generally or in relation to specific staff grades, services or departments).**
- 2. what statistics are collected on the extent of 'working from home' by the Council's office- based staff and contractors the Council's office- based staff and contractors (whether generally or in relation to specific staff grades, services or departments)?**
- 3. provide the most recent such statistics in each category.**
- 4. provide copies of the Council's current policy documents in respect of 'working from home' whether of general application or relating to specific staff grades, services or departments.**

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 the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We do not record any stats on working from home or have any formal reports or policies on the subject. I have attached our Flexible Working Policy and the Future of Work Guiding Principle documents which may be useful but they are not solely WFH policies / reports.

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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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.