

London Borough of Barnet  
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London, NW9 4EW  
27 July 2022  
Our ref: 8344355

Thank you for your request received on 18 July 2022, for the following information:

**Please could I have the following information:**

**Does the local authority fund any immigration or asylum legal advice?**

**If yes, please state:**

**What is the scope of the funding?**

**Which department funds the advice?**

**What is the source of the funds provided by the local authority?**

**Is this by grant or contract?**

**Which organisation/s are funded to deliver the advice?**

**Please give any other details you are able to share about the funding.**

**If no, please state:**

**Whether the Local Authority has previously funded any immigration legal advice (since 2000)?**

**Whether there has been any consideration of funding or commissioning immigration legal advice in the period since 2010?**

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

***Please could I have the following information:***

***Does the local authority fund any immigration or asylum legal advice?***

Yes

***If yes, please state:***

***What is the scope of the funding?***

Barnet Family Services is working in partnership with a children's immigration specialist organisation to develop new ways to identify and resolve the immigration and citizenship needs of children and young people in local authority care. This forms part of a programme which aims to develop a model that can be implemented across local authorities to embed positive practice among children's social care teams.

***Which department funds the advice?***

The Greater Local Authority has provided funding to Barnet Council for this project

***What is the source of the funds provided by the local authority?***

Grant funding

***Is this by grant or contract?***

Grant funding has been received by the GLA. Family Services tendered a contract to deliver this work.

***Which organisation/s are funded to deliver the advice?***

Coram Children's Legal Centre

***Please give any other details you are able to share about the funding.***

Funding is for one year.

***If no, please state:***

***Whether the Local Authority has previously funded any immigration legal advice (since 2000)?***

N/A

***Whether there has been any consideration of funding or commissioning immigration legal advice in the period since 2010?***

N/A

## Further information

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