

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 8290837

Thank you for your request received on 27 May 2022, for the following information:

- **How many public buildings belonging to Barnet Council contain asbestos?**
- **Of the public buildings belonging to Barnet Council which contain asbestos, please provide a breakdown of what type of buildings these are - e.g. primary school, secondary school, library, leisure centre, office accommodation.**
- **How many public buildings belonging to Barnet Council have had asbestos removed from them in the past five financial years (2017-2018 to 2021-22) and so now contain no asbestos?**
- **How many public buildings belonging to Barnet Council have had an asbestos survey/audit carried out on them in the past five financial years (2017-2018 to 2021-22)?**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached and below:

- ***How many public buildings belonging to Barnet Council contain asbestos?***

Barnet has outsourced a range of services to Capita:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/customer-and-support-group-csg-contract>

The buildings that Capita Estates (CSG) are responsible for are referred to as the Managed Estate, there are circa 100 buildings 51 of which contain asbestos. CSG Estates also carry out a monitoring role with regards to schools whereby they write to each school every year requesting their compliance information, of the data that was returned 29 schools have been identified as containing asbestos but for detailed asbestos records for these you would need to contact them directly, a list is available at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools>

- Of the public buildings belonging to Barnet Council which contain asbestos, please provide a breakdown of what type of buildings these are - e.g. primary school, secondary school, library, leisure centre, office accommodation.

Please see attached.

5 Commercial vacant buildings.

13 Council Service Hubs

3 Leased Properties - (non-managed estate)

13 Library Buildings

17 Park/ Greenspace Buildings - Toilets, Pavilions

29 Schools

- How many public buildings belonging to Barnet Council have had asbestos removed from them in the past five financial years (2017-2018 to 2021-22) and so now contain no asbestos?

There are no buildings that have had all asbestos removed. Some removal works have taken place however none that has resulted in all asbestos being removed from a building leaving it asbestos free

- How many public buildings belonging to Barnet Council have had an asbestos survey/audit carried out on them in the past five financial years (2017-2018 to 2021-22)?

80 number of buildings that fall under CSG Estates management have had an asbestos survey. With regards to schools, we can only account for the 29 who responded to us. The schools are responsible for managing their own asbestos and therefore they must be contacted directly for this information.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools>

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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