

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
24 August 2022  
Our ref: 8347009

Thank you for your request received on 26 July 2022, for the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information which relates to reported accidents at children's playgrounds covered by your jurisdiction.**

**Please may you provide me with data on:**

- \* The number of children's playgrounds in your area in 2022**
- \* The number of accidents reported at children's playgrounds in your area in 2022 so far, 2021, 2020 and 2019**
- \* The name of the playground where the most reported accidents have occurred in this timeframe (and total number between 2022 and 2019 here)**
- \* The number of complaints made in relation to the safety of equipment at playgrounds in your area in 2022 so far, 2021, 2020 and 2019**
- \* The name of the playground which has received the most complaints in relation to the safety of its equipment, in this timeframe (and total number between 2022 and 2019 here)**
- \* Any details on playground closures or equipment that has been removed due to safety complaints or reported accidents since 2019**

**Please provide the information in the attached spreadsheet.**

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.**

**If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.**

**If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.**

**Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.**

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

**Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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***Please may you provide me with data on:***

***\* The number of children's playgrounds in your area in 2022***

We have 50 playgrounds - This includes Brook Farm Open Space, a new playground which opened early August 2022.

***\* The number of accidents reported at children's playgrounds in your area in 2022 so far, 2021, 2020 and 2019***

Two accidents have been recorded, one in 2021 & one in 2022.

***\* The name of the playground where the most reported accidents have occurred in this timeframe (and total number between 2022 and 2019 here)***

This information is not presently recorded. However the Council will look to actively record incidents going forward.

The accidents reported in Question 2 above occurred in playgrounds located in Riverside Walk (Dollis Valley Green Walk) & in Colindale Park.

***\* The number of complaints made in relation to the safety of equipment at playgrounds in your area in 2022 so far, 2021, 2020 and 2019***

We received one Stage 1 complaint in 2021.

***\* The name of the playground which has received the most complaints in relation to the safety of its equipment, in this timeframe (and total number between 2022 and 2019 here)***

The Stage 1 complaint was regarding Market Place Playground N2.

***\* Any details on playground closures or equipment that has been removed due to safety complaints or reported accidents since 2019***

This data is not presently recorded. However the Council will look to actively record incidents going forward.

## **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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.**

## **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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.