

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
6 September 2022
Our ref: 8379834

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

We are carrying out research into the health and safety requirements for smoking establishments.

Your help in answering the following questions as quickly as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Questions:

- 1. Please provide the addresses of the premises that are known to be currently operating as shisha bars in your Local Authority.**
- 2. Please confirm which of these premises that are known to be currently operating as shisha bars, comply with the Smoke Free Regulations.**
- 3. If there are premises which are operating that do not comply with the Smoke Free Regulations, please provide a justification as to why they are permitted to continue operating.**

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

Response

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

1. Please provide the addresses of the premises that are known to be currently operating as shisha bars in your Local Authority.

The list provided below is what is held on our database, but we cannot be definite that all of these businesses are still trading in shisha. Shisha bars change hands frequently and some drop in and out of the shisha trade depending on customer levels.

11 - 13 Bell Lane London NW4 2BP
126 Cricklewood Broadway London NW2 3EE
289 Regents Park Road London N3 3JY
746 Finchley Road London NW11 7TH
28 Vivian Avenue London NW4 3XP
223 Woodhouse Road London N12 9BD
87 Great North Road Barnet EN5 1AY
1302 High Road London N20 9HJ
418 - 420 Watford Way London NW7 2QJ
1 Charcot Road London NW9 5HG
1277 High Road London N20 9HS
118 High Road London N2 9ED
26 - 28 Cricklewood Lane London NW2 1HD
127 Ballards Lane London N3 1LJ
664 High Road London N12 0NL
1 Church Lane London N2 8DX

2. Please confirm which of these premises that are known to be currently operating as shisha bars, comply with the Smoke Free Regulations.

28 Vivian Avenue London NW4 3XP
26 - 28 Cricklewood Lane London NW2 1HD
127 Ballards Lane London N3 1LJ
664 High Road London N12 0NL
1 Church Lane London N2 8DX

3. If there are premises which are operating that do not comply with the Smoke Free Regulations, please provide a justification as to why they are permitted to continue operating.

The compliance data is only based on our latest visit which may have been some years ago.

Where compliance is unknown this signifies that there was no shisha being offered at the time of the inspection, also several places had to close during Covid lockdown or cease offering shisha, we don't know if they all resumed shisha provision.

Where premises are non-compliant have been advised of what needs to change and have been warned in writing. During Covid lockdown the Environmental Health team was on other duties and since lockdown we have been obliged to focus on catching up with high priority food safety inspections and related work. We hope to resume our shisha non-compliance interventions when we are back on track with our other government led priorities. Formal smoke free enforcement is extremely resource intensive and unfortunately we do not have such resources available at this time.

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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