

London Borough of Barnet
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London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 8384385

Thank you for your request received on 1 September 2022, for the following information:

- 1 . How many whistleblowing disclosures have you received over the last two years?***
- 2. Can you provide a breakdown of the whistleblowing concerns received over the last two years?***
- 3. The current headcount/total number of staff in your whistleblowing team.***
- 4. The amount of expenditure allocated to your whistleblowing team, department or function that deals with disclosures made concerning the bodies, entities or individuals you regulate, supervise or oversee over the last two years.***
- 5. Any relevant documents or processes you have in place for dealing with whistleblowing concerns over the last two years***

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

- 1. How many whistleblowing disclosures have you received over the last two years?**

This is reported in the CAFT Annual report to the councils audit committee and can be found online

- 2. Can you provide a breakdown of the whistleblowing concerns received over the last two years?**

Details of whistleblowing cases are kept as confidential

1. The current headcount/total number of staff in your whistleblowing team.

There is no whistleblowing team - there are a number of trained and dedicated reporting officers and investigations are commissioned as appropriate.

1. The amount of expenditure allocated to your whistleblowing team, department or function that deals with disclosures made concerning the bodies, entities or individuals you regulate, supervise or oversee over the last two years.

No specific budget. Whistle blowing officers are Chief Executive, Exec Director Of Assurance, Assistant Director of counter Fraud and community safety, Head of Internal audit and Head of Governance and the Councils Monitoring Officer

1. Any relevant documents or processes you have in place for dealing with whistleblowing concerns over the last two years

<https://www.wessexgardens.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6105&type=pdf> is the link to barnets WB policy

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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