

London Borough of Barnet  
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Our ref: 8816276

Thank you for your request received on 12 December 2022, for the following information:

**I am conducting research into the funding, procurement and delivery of period products by Barnet Council Council for people who menstruate. I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following information.**

- **Does the council provide free sanitary products for council employees?**
- **Does the council provide free sanitary products to the general public?**
- **Does the council provide grants for the provision of period products?**
- **Has the council set a budget for this provision?**
- **Who is the person outside of procurement responsible for Period dignity at Barnet Council Council?**

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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- ***Does the council provide free sanitary products for council employees?***

Yes, the council have been working on a period poverty and stigma campaign and is currently in the process of procuring sanitary products from our current suppliers for our offices. These products will be provided in our offices free of charge to building users and staff.

- ***Does the council provide free sanitary products to the general public?***

Barnet Public Health, in collaboration with London Borough of Barnet's Family Services team is planning the roll-out of a period poverty and stigma campaign to support children and young people. We will be promoting schemes already in place

that distribute free period products such as the PHS scheme for schools and the hygiene bank.

***· Does the council provide grants for the provision of period products?***

No

***· Has the council set a budget for this provision?***

Through one-off funding from the London Borough of Barnet's Prevention fund, we are looking to supply free period products to reach children and young people struggling with period poverty via libraries and are investigating other access points.

***· Who is the person outside of procurement responsible for Period dignity at Barnet Council Council?***

Jane Wise

### **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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