London Borough of Barnet 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale NW9 4EW 23 December 2022 Our ref: 8742352

Thank you for your request received on 29 November 2022, for the following information:

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If possible, I would also like to know how much money councils have spent on clean-up crews sent to clean hoarders' households.

Feel free to break down figures for each financial year starting with 2016 and up to date for this financial year.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

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Community Safety Team and Environmental Health services has confirmed that there have been no evictions.



The service has provided the latest available figures for the costs incurred by our contractor. Please note that we were unable to go further back than 2017-18 and the earlier information for the FY 2016/17 is not held.

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 to date
No of clients	69	60	56	76	78	67
Annual Spend	£37,770	£38,029	£40,677	£64,344	£67,387	£66,953

I am writing to advise that Barnet Council does not hold information where it is held by Barnet Homes.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller Barnet Homes 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW

Please make your request directly to Barnet Homes.

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

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Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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). There is no charge for making an appeal.