

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
12 January 2023  
Our ref: 8952228

Thank you for your request received on 10 January 2023, for the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:**

- 1. The number of residents recorded to be living under the poverty line, categorized by year in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022**
- 2. Of the number of residents living below the poverty line, the number of children recorded to be living in households below the poverty line. By children, I mean residents under the age of 18. Please can you categorize this number by age ranges of 0-5, 5-10, 10-15 and 15-18 years old and according to each year from 2019 to 2022.**
- 3. Of the number of residents living below the poverty line, the number of unemployed residents yearly from 2019 to 2022.**
- 4. Of the numbers of residents living below the poverty line, the number of residents with a criminal record yearly from 2019 to 2022.**
- 5. Of the numbers of query 4, the number of children living below the poverty line with criminal records from 2019 to 2022.**
- 6. Any initiative by the council launched since 2019 to aid residents who live below the poverty line, including but not limited to housing and employment access, soup kitchens, etc. Please may you also specify how successful each of these ventures have proven.**

**If any of the numbers asked above too small and risk identification, please may you specify and assists how I may ask for this information in a more efficient way.**

**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.**

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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Information not held.

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Please see our website for this information via the following links:

[Cost of living support | Barnet Council](#)

[Message from John Hooton on cost of living support | Barnet Council](#)

## **Further information**

The Office for National Statistics may be able to supply this information to you - see a similar dataset from 2017:

[Households in poverty estimates for middle layer super output areas in England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

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/>

### **Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing**

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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**

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