

London Borough of Barnet  
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Our ref: 8962460

Thank you for your request received on 11 January 2023, for the following information:

**Under the UK Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme, councils receive £10,500 per person to "provide support to families to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities".**

**I would like to request a precise breakdown of how the funding has been spent or distributed to date by the local Homes for Ukraine team, and any designated allocations, either as a total figure or as a proportion of the per-person funding.**

**Where possible, this should including answers to the following:**

- 1. How much funding has been received by Barnet Council under this program?**
- 2. How much (or what proportion) of the total funding received/promised has already been spent or allocated to specific programs or initiatives?**
- 3. How much (if any) of the funding has been allocated as a top-up amount for hosts (either per host or as a total figure)?**
- 4. How many staff have been employed using the funding (and/or are employed to provide support to hosts and guests in the area)? Where able, please specify if on full time or part time hours.**
- 5. How many Ukrainian or Russian speaking staff are being employed to provide support to guests/Ukrainians?**
- 6. How much has been spent on temporary or emergency accommodation for Ukrainians?**
- 7. Has any of the funding been allocated to local charities or community-led projects serving the needs of hosts or guests, and if so, how much?**
- 8. Has any the funding been allocated to English language classes, and if so, how much?**
- 9. Lastly, how much (or what proportion) of the total funding or per-person funding is currently being held back from being spent/distributed specifically to serve as a 'contingency' (in the event of unforeseen issues that may arise affecting Ukrainians at a later date), and if there is a specific contingency fund, what particular events or uses (if any) is this being held back for?**

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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***Where possible, this should including answers to the following:***

***1. How much funding has been received by Barnet Council under this program?***

£6.79m

***2. How much (or what proportion) of the total funding received/promised has already been spent or allocated to specific programs or initiatives?***

£6m inclusive of a £3m reserve has been allocated.

***3. How much (if any) of the funding has been allocated as a top-up amount for hosts (either per host or as a total figure)?***

None - Barnet's focus is supporting Ukraine Guests to independence. We are currently scoping options on the best approach to utilise the allocation.

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13 Full time

4 Part time

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2 Full Time

***6. How much has been spent on temporary or emergency accommodation for Ukrainians?***

Gross spend £142,884.82 (net spend after rent = £17,313.85)

***7. Has any of the funding been allocated to local charities or community-led projects serving the needs of hosts or guests, and if so, how much?***

Yes we have commissioned a range from mental health, visa support, support to independence to name a few - currently we have allocated just under £0.7m and will be reviewed as developments and best practice emerge.

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£68.8k allocated.

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There is a £3m contingency line in the budget - we are determining the use given Central Governments extension to the scheme and the new funding levels.

### **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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