

London Borough Of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue
13 February 2023
Our ref: 9007256

Thank you for your request received on 16 January 2023, for the following information:

(Tranche: 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023)

- 1. The total spend of the Household Support Fund as of 31st December 2022, as per the interim Management Information report**
- 2. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person as of 31st December 2022 as per the interim Management Information report**
- 3. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person that has gone directly to these households in the form of vouchers, item purchases or bank transfer (i.e. not provided to third parties to deliver services to support this group)**
- 4. For Tranche 1: Has the local authority set an allocated expenditure for households with a disabled person and if so, what is the total figure for the expenditure?**
- 5. What data is being used to identify households with disabled people who may benefit from the scheme (e.g. in receipt of disability benefits, being provided with a care package by your local authority)**
- 6. What is the eligibility criteria for households with disabled people to be able to avail of support through the Household Support Fund?**
- 7. What formats and communication channels (e.g. easy-read, audio) are being provided to ensure information about the Household Support Fund and the application process is accessible for disabled people?**

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

- 1. The total spend of the Household Support Fund as of 31st December 2022, as per the interim Management Information report**
£1,254,995.58

2. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person as of 31st December 2022 as per the interim Management Information report

£17,009.85

3. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person that has gone directly to these households in the form of vouchers, item purchases or bank transfer (i.e. not provided to third parties to deliver services to support this group)

All the reported household funds of (£17,009.85) to disabled people has gone directly to these households. We are however using our local VCS organisation to deliver these services directly to residents on behalf of council as that is how Barnet has chosen to administer these funds.

4. For Tranche 1: Has the local authority set an allocated expenditure for households with a disabled person and if so, what is the total figure for the expenditure?

There is not set allocated expenditure for households with a disabled persons but we are actively recording and targeting household with disabled residents via our VCS suppliers

5. What data is being used to identify households with disabled people who may benefit from the scheme (e.g. in receipt of disability benefits, being provided with a care package by your local authority)

We are working with organisations that provide services to people with disabilities' in the borough e.g Mencap

6. What is the eligibility criteria for households with disabled people to be able to avail of support through the Household Support Fund?

There is no eligibility criteria for support except proof of need e.g outstanding bill and bank account to show inability to pay such.

7. What formats and communication channels (e.g. easy-read, audio) are being provided to ensure information about the Household Support Fund and the application process is accessible for disabled people?

For those who need support with any of the HSF information we provide 121 sessions via our supplier for people with disabilities. Information on our website supports easy read format with any requests met, no requests for additional support has been received.

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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