

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
16 February 2023
Our ref: 9150408

Thank you for your request received on 8 February 2023, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

Please could you provide me with:

- The total number or weight of illegal disposable vapes seized by the council over the past three years, broken down by year.**
- Details of the policy outlining how the council must dispose of the disposable vapes it seizes, and the company and method by which it destroys them.**
- The total number or weight of illegal disposable vapes sent to be securely destroyed over the past three years, broken down by year.**
- The total cost to the council of securely destroying the illegal disposable vapes it has seized over the past three years, broken down by year.**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

- The total number or weight of illegal disposable vapes seized by the council over the past three years, broken down by year.

2020 = 0 vapes seized

2021 = 96 vapes seized

2022 = 199 vapes seized

- Details of the policy outlining how the council must dispose of the disposable vapes it seizes, and the company and method by which it destroys them.

No specific policy regarding this beyond safe disposal certified to ensure they do not get back into the supply chain

- The total number or weight of illegal disposable vapes sent to be securely destroyed over the past three years, broken down by year.

None sent for secure destruction

- The total cost to the council of securely destroying the illegal disposable vapes it has seized over the past three years, broken down by year.

No cost because no vapes destroyed

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/>

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

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. 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.