

London Borough Of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue
20 February 2023
Our ref: 9155008

Thank you for your request received on 2 February 2023, for the following information:

1. How many children (under 18) were reported missing in your local authority area for the years:

- a) 2019/20
- b) 2020/21
- c) 2021/22

2. How many individual children did the above relate to? I expect that you will have multiple reports involving the same child.

- a) 2019/20
- b) 2020/21
- c) 2021/22

3. How many return home interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode, for a child (under 18) for the years:

- a) 2019/20
- b) 2020/21
- c) 2021/22

4. In relation to Q3 how many individual children did this relate to for the following years:

- a) 2019/20
- b) 2020/21
- c) 2021/22

5. How many of the children in Q4 declined a return home interview in the following years:

- a) 2019/20
- b) 2020/21
- c) 2021/22

6. How many children in your local authority area who went missing were in your care i.e looked after children for the years:

- a) 2019/20
- b) 2020/21
- c) 2021/22

7. In relation to Q6 how many missing episodes did this total for the following years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

8. How many looked after children, who were placed outside your local authority area, went missing in the years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

9. In relation to Q8 how many missing episodes did this add up to in total for the following years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

10. How many return interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode for children in your care for the years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

11. In relation to Q10 how many individual children did this relate to in the following years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

12. How many of the children in Q11 declined a return home interview in the following years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

13. How many return interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode, for children in your care placed outside of your local authority area for the years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

14. In relation to Q13 how many individual children did this relate to for the years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

15. How many of the children in Q14 declined a return home interview in the following years:

- a) 2019/20**
- b) 2020/21**
- c) 2021/22**

16. How many children have not yet been found for the years:

a) 2019/20

b) 2020/21

c) 2021/22

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. How many children (under 18) were reported missing in your local authority area for the years:

a) 2019/20 1170

b) 2020/21 894

c) 2021/22 728

2. How many individual children did the above relate to? I expect that you will have multiple reports involving the same child.

a) 2019/20 277

b) 2020/21 187

c) 2021/22 212

3. How many return home interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode, for a child (under 18) for the years:

a) 2019/20 343

b) 2020/21 253

c) 2021/22 264

4. In relation to Q3 how many individual children did this relate to for the following years:

a) 2019/20 120

b) 2020/21 97

c) 2021/22 116

5. How many of the children in Q4 declined a return home interview in the following years:

a) 2019/20 87

b) 2020/21 78

c) 2021/22 86

6. How many children in your local authority area who went missing were in your care i.e looked after children for the years:

a) 2019/20 42

b) 2020/21 48

c) 2021/22 38

7. In relation to Q6 how many missing episodes did this total for the following years:

a) 2019/20 254

b) 2020/21 269

c) 2021/22 221

8. How many looked after children, who were placed outside your local authority area, went missing in the years:

a) 2019/20 88

b) 2020/21 53

c) 2021/22 57

9. In relation to Q8 how many missing episodes did this add up to in total for the following years:

a) 2019/20	661
b) 2020/21	490
c) 2021/22	307

10. How many return interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode for children in your care for the years:

a) 2019/20	42
b) 2020/21	89
c) 2021/22	72

11. In relation to Q10 how many individual children did this relate to in the following years:

a) 2019/20	22
b) 2020/21	28
c) 2021/22	23

12. How many of the children in Q11 declined a return home interview in the following years:

a) 2019/20	18
b) 2020/21	23
c) 2021/22	18

13. How many return interviews did you complete within 72 hours of a missing episode, for children in your care placed outside of your local authority area for the years:

a) 2019/20	244
b) 2020/21	113
c) 2021/22	121

14. In relation to Q13 how many individual children did this relate to for the years:

a) 2019/20	54
b) 2020/21	32
c) 2021/22	38

15. How many of the children in Q14 declined a return home interview in the following years:

a) 2019/20	36
b) 2020/21	26
c) 2021/22	24

16. How many children have not yet been found for the years:

a) 2019/20	0
b) 2020/21	0
c) 2021/22	0

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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