

London Borough Of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue
20 February 2023
Our ref: 9076050

Thank you for your request received on 26 January 2023, for the following information:

1. What is the furthest distance approximately a child is placed on an out of area placement from their home in the following categories - and to which (nearest) town/city?

- a) Foster placement**
- b) Residential placement**

2. How many children are placed more than:

- a) a fifty mile distance from their home?**
- b) a one hundred mile distance from their home?**
- c) a one hundred and fifty mile distance from their home?**
- d) a two hundred mile distance from their home?**
- e) a two hundred and fifty mile distance from their home?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds some of the information requested and these answers can be found below. Please note we are refusing questions 2b-2e and the refusal notice can be found below.

1. What is the furthest distance approximately a child is placed on an out of area placement from their home in the following categories - and to which (nearest) town/city?

- a) Foster placement - 108 miles**
- b) Residential placement - 195 miles**

2. How many children are placed more than:

- a) a fifty mile distance from their home? - 20 miles**
- b) a one hundred mile distance from their home? - Please see refusal notice below**
- c) a one hundred and fifty mile distance from their home? - Please see refusal notice below**
- d) a two hundred mile distance from their home? - Please see refusal notice below**
- e) a two hundred and fifty mile distance from their home? - Please see refusal notice below**

Refusal Notice

S40(2) identifying individuals through statistical tables (5 or less)

The information you require is available, but some information has been redacted. This is because in some instances, owing to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less) disclosing this data may make it possible for individuals to be identified. This information is therefore exempt by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply.

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.

