

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
10 March 2023
Our ref: 9194436

Thank you for your request received on 15 February 2023, for the following information:

Hello,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

For the period 2013/14 - 2021/2022

1)How many households were in Council Tax arrears each year?

Of these:

1a) How many households were in Council Tax arrears relating to earlier years?

1b)How many households were in Council Tax arrears relating to in year?

2)Of the households in Council Tax Arrears, how many households contained or were:

2a)Someone above the state pension age?

2b)Someone sick or disabled/in receipt of incapacity benefit

2c)A lone parent

2d)Someone who is unemployed

2e)In receipt of Universal Credit

2f)In receipt of Universal Credit and Council Tax Reduction

3)What is the value of Council Tax Arrears relating to earlier years before write-offs in the current year?

4)What is the value of Council Tax arrears written off in year relating to the previous year only?

5)What is the value of Council Tax arrears relating to earlier years?

6)What is the total value of Council Tax arrears for all previous years as of 31st March post write offs?

Of these:

6b) What is the total value of Council Tax arrears in respect of the previous year only?

6c) What is the total value of Council Tax arrears in respect of earlier years?

7) What is the total value of Council Tax not collected in the current year?

8) What is the total value of Council Tax written off in year relating to the current year?

9) What is the total value of Council Tax arrears in respect of the current year outstanding as of 31st March?

10) What is the total value of Council Tax arrears as of 31st March?

11) What is the net change in value in arrears outstanding as of 31st March?

12) What is the total value of court and administration costs relating to Council Tax arrears for the respective year?

I would prefer to receive your response in electronic format, either in the body of an email or as an attachment in Excel, Word or PDF format. I have attached a spreadsheet for ease of use and hope it may be convenient. Please do let me know if there is anything that I can help with. I'm very happy to clarify and/or discuss my request.

Apologies. I just wanted to add a note to my previous request made on 15/02/2023 to request that you contact me should you believe the request to take too much time and cost more than £450 before carrying out the request.

All the best,

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

Due to the reporting functionality we have available we are unable to identify some of the criteria you have requested.

Please find the answers to your request attached.

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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.