

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
16 March 2023
Our ref: 9369880

Thank you for your request received on 14 March 2023, for the following information:

Please accept this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The request is for any documents setting out what your departments should do when informed that a Homes for Ukraine sponsorship arrangement is coming to an end. In particular, I would like any policies or guidance about how you should find alternative accommodation for the sponsored Ukrainians. You have 28 days to provide this information. My preference is to receive it electronically, but you can post it to the address below if you would prefer.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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The process for when a sponsorship has come to an end varies due to the needs to the guest / Ukrainian. If the guest would like to be rematched with another sponsor within the borough we work with those guests to identify available sponsors and work with both the sponsor and guest.

If the guest does not want to be rematched into another sponsorship, we raise a case with our housing options team to complete an assessment with the guest and walk them through their options. The homes for Ukraine team and housing work together with guests to help with translation.

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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