

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
24th March 2023
Our ref: 9433907

Thank you for your request received on 22nd March 2023, for the following information:

Please could you provide the following information relating to the Council's readiness as a 'Material Provider' to the requirements of the COVID-19 Inquiry. The Inquiry relates to the UK's response to and impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and lessons learned for the future.

The Inquiry definition of 'Material Provider ('MP')' means any person, institution or organisation, which has been asked to provide documents to the Inquiry or which has provided documents to the Inquiry.

Questions

Q1. Is your council involved in responding to the Covid-19 inquiry?

Q2. Which department is looking after the response to the Covid-19 inquiry?

Q3. Who is the main contact in that department?

Q4: In the financial year April 2023 to April 2024 what is the total value of the budget that has been set aside for this project?

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

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Q1. Is your council involved in responding to the Covid-19 inquiry?

Yes

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Q2. Which department is looking after the response to the Covid-19 inquiry?

Assurance

Q3. Who is the main contact in that department?

Jessica Farmer, Monitoring Officer

Q4: In the financial year April 2023 to April 2024 what is the total value of the budget that has been set aside for this project?

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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/>

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