

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
14 April 2023  
Our ref: 9193836

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

**Dear Barnet Council,**

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I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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Below is the list of Data sharing agreements Barnet holds with the Met Police. These agreement are drafted by a working group of representatives of the police, local authorities and London Councils.

- Adult Safeguarding
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and disorder
- Environmental crime
- Licensing
- London Multi-Agency Safeguarding Data Sharing Agreement for Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children (Multi-Agency Sharing)
- London Young People Study (LYPS) Your Choice
- Multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) – withheld (see refusal notice below)
- People Affected by An Emergency
- Prevent and Channel Panel
- Supporting Families
- Rescue and Response ISP (Information Sharing Protocol)
- Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (DA MARAC)
- Gangs Violence Matrix
- Integrated Offender Management (IOM)
- Youth Offending Service

These can be viewed via Camden's open data portal

<https://opendata.camden.gov.uk/Your-Council/Data-Sharing-Agreements-DSAs-/5ict-9ee7/data>

You can also visit LOTI website for context of the PAN-London project

<https://loti.london/projects/pan-london-dsa-project/>

## **Refusal Notice**

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 24 (National Security) subsection (1)a and Section 31(1) (Law Enforcement) applies to the information requested for the MAPPA Data Sharing Agreement. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **Section 24 – National Security**

(1) Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if exemption from section 1(1)(b) is required for the purposes of safeguarding national security.

(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, exemption from 1(1)(a) is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security. In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

## **Factors in favour of disclosure**

- Furthering the understanding and participation in the public debate of issues of the day.
- Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them.
- Allowing individuals, companies and other bodies to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives.
- Bringing to light information affecting public health and safety

### **Factors in favour of withholding**

- As part of wider Counter Terrorism efforts, the Government employs a range of programmes to safeguard susceptible individuals and the public. The nature of these programmes means that there is sometimes limited information about them in the public domain. Data protection documents contain detailed descriptions of the purposes for which information is being stored and used. Disclosing detailed operational information about certain intervention programmes, including information contained in data protection documents, would provide detailed information on how they operate and could undermine their effectiveness.
- This information could be used by individuals or groups to devise counter strategies to these programmes, weakening their effectiveness and expose susceptible individuals to a greater risk of being drawn into terrorism. If more people are drawn into terrorism this would increase the national security threat to the UK. There is a serious terrorism threat to the United Kingdom and the Information Commissioner recognises that terrorists are highly motivated and will go to great lengths to achieve their goals.
- Some local authorities may see fit to disclose this information, but the fact that other public authorities choose to disclose this information does not set a precedent for every public authority to do the same. Each request and response must be considered individually, and the risks identified by the Council in this case do not change simply because another Council has taken a different approach.

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### **Section 31**

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 31 (Law enforcement) subsection 31(1)(a) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information. In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.