

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
14 April 2023
Our ref: 9473065

Thank you for your request received on 28 March 2023, for the following information:

- 1) How many disabled persons freedom passes for free public transport within London are currently being held by Barnet residents?
- 2) How many people currently hold a disabled persons freedom pass because they have Chronic Fatigue Syndrome AKA Myalgic Encephalomyelitis?
- 3) How many people currently hold a disabled persons freedom pass because they have Long Covid?
- 4) How many people currently hold a disabled persons freedom pass due to Flatfoot?
- 5) How many DISCRETIONARY disabled persons freedom passes for free public transport within London are currently being held by Barnet residents?
- 6) How many people currently hold a discretionary disabled persons freedom pass because they have Chronic Fatigue Syndrome AKA Myalgic Encephalomyelitis?
- 7) How many people currently hold a discretionary disabled persons freedom pass because they have Long Covid?
- 8) How many people currently hold a discretionary disabled persons freedom pass due to Flatfoot?

NB: All questions are specifically regarding Barnet Council and the passes issued by Barnet council.

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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- As of 11 April 2023, there are 6,052 Disabled Freedom Passes issued and active in the Barnet borough.
- We do not issue Passes relating to a specific medical condition. Passes are issued relating to the Disability type as outlined by the statutory disabilities as listed in the Transport Act 2000 which makes someone eligible for a Disabled Persons Freedom Pass they are:
 - ☐ Blind or Partially sighted
 - ☐ Severely or profoundly Deaf
 - ☐ Without Speech
 - ☐ Substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk
 - ☐ Loss of arms of long term loss of the use of both arms
 - ☐ Learning Disability
 - ☐ Conditions which would prevent you from obtaining a driving licence

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Barnet Council do not issue Discretionary Freedom Passes, the applicant must meet one of the above criteria to be eligible for a Freedom Pass.

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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