

London Borough of Barnet  
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Our ref: 9293192

Thank you for your request received on 26 February 2023, for the following information:

**1. How many former relevant children did the Council have duties towards in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively under:**

- (a) Section 23C Children Act 1989;**
- (b) Section 23CZB Children Act 1989; and**
- (c) Section 23CA Children Act 1989.**

**2. How many personal advisors working with former relevant children were employed by the Council on a full-time basis in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively?**

**(a) of those personal advisers, how many former relevant children on average did each one have responsibility for in each of the stated years?**

**3. How many personal advisors working with former relevant children were employed by the Council on a part-time basis in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively?**

**(a) of those personal advisers, how many former relevant children on average did each one have responsibility for in each of the stated years?**

**4. How many copies of the local offer to care leavers were given out to former relevant children in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively?**

**(a) In what format were they given (e.g. paper copy, emailed pdf, web link)?**

**5. When was the last review or evaluation of the local offer? Please supply a copy of such review/evaluation.**

**In respect of questions 1-4, we are content to be provided with the information either for the 2018, 2020 and 2022 calendar years or the 2017/18, 2019/2020 and 2021/22 financial years depending how such information is collected by you.**

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

## **Response**

**1. How many former relevant children did the Council have duties towards in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively under:**

2018 - 221

2020 - 323

2022 - 339

**(a) Section 23C Children Act 1989;**

**(b) Section 23CZB Children Act 1989; and**

**(c) Section 23CA Children Act 1989.**

1a - 1c ( *Exemption - exceeds the appropriate limit* )

**2. How many personal advisors working with former relevant children were employed by the Council on a full-time basis in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively?**

2018 - 4

2020 - 5

2022 - 8

**(a) of those personal advisers, how many former relevant children on average did each one have responsibility for in each of the stated years?**

( *Exemption - exceeds the appropriate limit* )

**3. How many personal advisors working with former relevant children were employed by the Council on a part-time basis in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively?**

2018- 2

2020 -3

2022 -2

**(a) of those personal advisers, how many former relevant children on average did each one have responsibility for in each of the stated years?**

( *Exemption - exceeds the appropriate limit* )

**4. How many copies of the local offer to care leavers were given out to former relevant children in 2018, 2020 and 2022 respectively?**

Every care leaver receives a paper copy and the link to the local offer when it is refreshed. Care leavers are involved with co-producing the local offer and all looked after children receive a copy of the local offer at the time of their final Children in Care review before they turn 18

The Leaving care service don't log the number of paper copies given/accessed.

**(a) In what format were they given (e.g. paper copy, emailed pdf, web link)?**

Paper copy and the link to the local offer

**5. When was the last review or evaluation of the local offer? Please supply a copy of such review/evaluation.**

2023- It is currently being refreshed

I can confirm that the council holds the information you requested. However we are withholding the information because we consider that the following exemption exemptions and exceptions apply to it.

**S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)**

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulation rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

**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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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.