

London Borough of Barnet,  
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Oakleigh Road South,  
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9 May 2023  
Our ref: 8955460

Thank you for your request received on 11 January 2023, for the following information:

**I am making a Freedom of Information Request to Barnet Council with regards to its Section 251 Budget declaration to the Department for Education.**

**This is in reference to lines 3.5.1 - 3.5.3 of the budget, in particular on Services for young people.**

**In 2020/21, Barnet Council spent £4749680 on Services for young people (split £4408727 on 3.5.1 Universal services and £340957 on 3.5.2 Targeted services).**

**In the latest financial year 2021/22, the Council spent £7846773 on Services for young people (split £6670998 on 3.5.1 Universal services and £1175775 on 3.5.2 Targeted services).**

**This is an overall increase of 66% year-on-year.**

**As this is a notable increase, and an area of funding which typically has fallen at almost all local authorities over the past decade, I am requesting to find out where this extra expenditure went.**

**Accordingly, if it is possible, I am requesting a breakdown of expenditure for sections 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 for 2020/21 and 2021/22. Please also can this include details of how these projects were funded - ie, through local authority funding, central government (including the Holiday Activities and Food programme), other funders etc.**

**If a detailed breakdown on a project-by-project basis for each financial year is not possible within the limits of a FOI request, please could you detail whether the extra expenditure in 2021/22 was due to an increase in central government funding (through the Youth Investment Fund or HAF programme, for example) or local authority-based funding, that would be greatly appreciated.**

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

## **Response**

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

questions are below

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Please find breakdown attached.

You will note that there is a discrepancy between published amount for 20-21 3.5.1 and the amount in this data. The difference is £699,533 and this is likely a result of manual adjustments made at the time. We have searched our records and are unable to identify communications on this matter. Unfortunately, some of the relevant members of staff no longer work at the council and we no longer have access to their communications.

### **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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