London Borough of Barnet, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP 10 May 2023 Our ref: 9683092

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

### **Dear Barnet Borough Council,**

- 1) Number of Subject Access Requests Received for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* Total number of SAR's received for the local authority
- \* Total number of SAR's received for Adult Social Care
- \* Total number of SAR's received for Children's Social
- \* Total number of SAR's received for Education Services
- 2) Number of Subject Access Requests completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by the local authority
- \* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by Adult Social Care
- \* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by Children's Social Care
- \* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by Education Services
- 3) Number of subject access requests that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for the local authority
- \* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for Adult Social Care
- \* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for Children's Social Care
- \* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for Education Services
- 4) Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
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- \* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for Adult Social Care
- \* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for Children's Social Care
- \* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for Education Services
- 5) What was your longest overdue subject access request by days for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* longest overdue subject access request by days for the local authority
- \* longest overdue subject access request by days for Adult Social Care
- \* longest overdue subject access request by days for Children's Social Care
- \* longest overdue subject access request by days for Education Services
- 6) Do you have a dedicated resource/team to process subject access requests?

If yes, do they cover all SAR's in the local authority, or is this resource just for certain areas?

And, if yes, what roles and how many does this team comprise of? If no, do departments handle their own SAR's?

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

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

- 1) Number of Subject Access Requests Received for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* Total number of SAR's received for the local authority

205

\* Total number of SAR's received for Adult Social Care

26

\* Total number of SAR's received for Children's Social

84

\* Total number of SAR's received for Education Services

19

2) Number of Subject Access Requests completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

\* Total number of SAP's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days.

\* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by the local authority

194 within statutory targets

\* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by Adult Social Care

26 within statutory targets

\* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by Children's Social Care

80 within statutory targets

\* Total number of SAR's completed within the statutory timeframe of 30 days by Education Services

18 within statutory targets

- 3) Number of subject access requests that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? \* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for the local authority
- 11 overdue
- \* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for Adult Social Care

0 overdue

\* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for Children's Social Care

4 overdue

\* Total number of SAR's that did not meet the statutory timeframe and were overdue for Education Services

1 overdue

- 4) Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for the local authority

43

\* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for Adult Social Care

No overdue requests

\* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for Children's Social Care

\* Average length of days that overdue subject access requests were late by for Education Services

7

- 5) What was your longest overdue subject access request by days for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
- \* longest overdue subject access request by days for the local authority

159

\* longest overdue subject access request by days for Adult Social Care

No overdue requests

\* longest overdue subject access request by days for Children's Social Care

159

\* longest overdue subject access request by days for Education Services

13

6) Do you have a dedicated resource/team to process subject access requests?

If yes, do they cover all SAR's in the local authority, or is this resource just for certain areas?

And, if yes, what roles and how many does this team comprise of? If no, do departments handle their own SAR's?

The council operates a hybrid system, with two central Information Management Officers reporting to the Transparency & Information Rights Lead who handle and co-ordinate SARs across the council as part of their role. This central team oversees a network of Subject Access Link Officers in services throughout the council who process SARs as part of their role.

#### **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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