

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
18 May 2023
Our ref: 9768981

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

This is an information request relating to whether the council has been in contact with researchers and campaigners for a four day working week

Please include the following information:

*** Whether or not the council has been in contact with Liz Watts, a PhD student from the University of West of England and chief executive of SCDC, regarding a four-day working week trial**

*** If so, please provide the following details: who contacted whom first, why contact was made, what was the outcome of the discussion?. In particular: did Liz Watts ask the council if they would be willing to run a four-day working week trial, or did the council offer to run a four-day working week trial? If the former, what was the council's response to the request?**

*** If possible, please provide copies of all emails between the council and Ms Watts**

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for.

I would prefer a response via email, but if this is not possible, I will gladly accept letters to the address below.

Please acknowledge this information request as soon as possible.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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The Council has not communicated with Liz Watts on this matter.

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N/A

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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/>

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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). There is no charge for making an appeal.