

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
26 May 2023
Our ref: 9799044

Thank you for your request received on 18 May 2023, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please note, the following requests pertain to the Homes For Ukraine scheme - requesting data dating back to the schemes' commencement in February 2022 to present.

With that in mind, please could you provide me with the following information:

- * how many sponsors have contacted the council requesting to end their placements early?**
- * how many Ukrainian refugees have contacted the council requesting to end their placements early?**
- * How many times has the council been contacted about accommodation or arrangement having broken down, by either sponsors or Ukrainian refugees?**
- * what number of Homes for Ukraine sponsorships in the area for which you are responsible have ended before their intended finish date?**
- * what is the total number of sponsorships undertaken so far in the area for which the council is responsible?**
- * Please provide the number of refugees whose placement ended early who were then housed in hotel accommodation.**
- * Please provide the number of refugees whose placement ended early who were matched with another sponsor.**
- * Please provide the number of refugees whose placement ended early who were rendered homeless or at risk of homelessness.**

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please could you contact me as soon as possible (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary I can modify the request.

If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the material, explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.

Please can you kindly acknowledge receipt of this request.

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

With that in mind, please could you provide me with the following information:

**** How many sponsors have contacted the council requesting to end their placements early?***

144 Sponsors has requested to end their placement within 6 months of their guest arriving in their accommodation.

**** How many Ukrainian refugees have contacted the council requesting to end their placements early?***

We have had 43 direct contacts from our Ukrainian guest requesting to end their placement within 6 months of their guest arriving in their accommodation.

**** How many times has the council been contacted about accommodation or arrangement having broken down, by either sponsors or Ukrainian refugees?***

Our contact team has been contacted 216 times for individuals' cases of break downs from either sponsors or our Ukrainian guest.

**** What number of Homes for Ukraine sponsorships in the area for which you are responsible have ended before their intended finish date?***

Before hosting agreement has reached their minimum 6 months agreement date, Barnet has had 81 hosting agreements that has ended.

**** What is the total number of sponsorships undertaken so far in the area for which the council is responsible?***

As of May 2023, Barnet is currently responsible for 391 active sponsors.

* Please provide the number of refugees whose placement ended early who were then housed in hotel accommodation. Unfortunately, Barnet homes does not record hosting periods time-length when dealing with applicants for temporary accommodations however, Barnet homes has received 96 approaches of which 38 were given temporary accommodation.

* Please provide the number of refugees whose placement ended early who were matched with another sponsors. We have had 29 cases where a rematched has been successful due to a previous hosting agreement ending prematurely.

**** Please provide the number of refugees whose placement ended early who were rendered homeless or at risk of homelessness.***

Barnet has had 5 encounters where our Ukrainian guest were rendered homeless. We have had 63 encounters in total regarding risk of homelessness however, we

have been able to re-match our guest with expression of interest sponsors or support with temporary/private accommodations.

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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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.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.

