

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

30 January 2024  
Our ref: 11364428

Thank you for your request received on 12 January 2024, for the following information:

- 1. How many public children's playgrounds were managed and maintained by you at the start of each of the last five financial years (a) 1.4.19, (b) 1.4.20, (c) 1.4.21, (d) 1.4.22 and (e) 1.4.23?**
- 2. What was your spend in each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23) on the maintenance, or improvement or development of children's playgrounds in your local authority area? If possible please break this figure down into (i) revenue spend and (ii) capital expenditure.**
- 3. How many accidents have been reported to you where people have been injured in public children's playgrounds for which you have responsibility in each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23)?**
- 4. In relation to accidents in the last financial year (22/23) please provide me with a summary of how each accident took place and the extent of the injury.**
- 5. For each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23) please state how much compensation has been paid to people who were injured in accidents that took place in public children's playgrounds for which you have responsibility? NOTE: I am interested in when the compensation was paid not when the accident took place or when the claim was lodged.**

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

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***2. What was your spend in each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23) on the maintenance, or improvement or development of children's playgrounds in your local authority area? If possible please break this figure down into (i) revenue spend and (ii) capital expenditure.***

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The table below sets out the responses for Q1 & Q2

No of Playgrounds Revenue Spend Capital Spend

2018/19	50	£75,000	£32,000
2019/20	50	£76,500	£432,985
2020/21	51	£75,000	£468,800
2021/22	52	£78,378	£597,577
2022/23	52	£75,806	£341,387

**3. How many accidents have been reported to you where people have been injured in public children's playgrounds for which you have responsibility in each of the last five financial years (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) (21/22) and (22/23)?**

2018/19 0  
2019/20 0  
2020/21 0  
2021/22 2  
2022/23 2

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Gate to playground sprung back, hitting both claimants, minor head injury.

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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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