

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
28 February 2024  
Our ref: 11573552

Thank you for your request received on 13 February 2024, for the following information:

**Dear all,**

**I would like to request the following information on support provided through the Household Support Fund, under the Freedom of Information Act.**

- 1. How much funding from the Household Support Fund for the 2023/24 financial year has been**
- 2. spent so far in your council? If all the funding has already been spent, please can you provide the date by which it was spent by.**
- 3. How many applications for a) vouchers and b) grants under the HSF scheme have been rejected**
- 4. so far in the 2023/24 financial year? If possible, please can you provide a breakdown of the reasons why these applications were rejected, e.g. incomplete application, deemed ineligible.**
- 5. What is the longest time in days it has taken to process an application for a) a grant**
- 6. and b) a voucher under the HSF scheme in the 2023/24 financial year so far?**

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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***I would like to request the following information on support provided through the Household Support Fund, under the Freedom of Information Act.***

How much funding from the Household Support Fund for the 2023/24 financial year has been spent so far in your council?  
£4,308,816.20

If all the funding has already been spent, please can you provide the date by which it was spent by.

How many applications for a) vouchers and b) grants under the HSF scheme have been rejected so far in the 2023/24 financial year?

No rejections

If possible, please can you provide a breakdown of the reasons why these applications were rejected, e.g. incomplete application, deemed ineligible.

What is the longest time in days it has taken to process an application for a) a grant and b) a voucher under the HSF scheme in the 2023/24 financial year so far?

Unknown.

### **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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