

London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
8 April 2024  
Our ref: 11704460

Thank you for your request received on 6 March 2024, for the following information:

Hi

**I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information legislation. Please provide me with the following information:**

- 1. Do you have a Multi-agency safeguarding hub or similar arrangement in which children's social care departments work alongside the Police, Health, Education and other partners to share information and make decisions about child safeguarding?**
  - 2. If so when was this established?**
  - 3. Are staff from the different agencies co-located?**
  - 4. If staff are co-located when did this occur?**
  - 5. For each year ending 31st March from 1st April 2007 to 2023 please provide:**
    - a. The number of strategy meetings held**
    - b. The number of children who have been the subject of a strategy meeting**
- Please provide the information for question five in an Excel spreadsheet.**

**Thank you for your help**

**Kind regards**

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

## **Response**

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We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulation rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

Information dating back to 2007 is not readily accessible, and searches will need to be conducted in order to locate, extract and collate this information from our records. Whilst a detailed approximation of the time this will take is not possible, we believe it will exceed the cost limit set out in the FOIA.

### **Advice and Assistance**

It is likely to be easier to provide this information for a reduced time period. We believe that this will be possible from 2014 onwards. Please feel free to resubmit your FOI with the reduced date range, if this would work for you.

### **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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Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.