

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
16 October 2024
Our ref: 13037556

Thank you for your request received on 18 September 2024, for the following information:

Q1 - How many apps and pieces of software do you provide to your employees that contain or use an AI copilot (e.g. Microsoft Copilot or SAP Joule)?

***By copilot, we mean an assistant using AI to assist the user - for instance by answering questions, automating tasks, or analysing/generating text or images**

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- * 0
- * 1-9
- * 10-19
- * 20-29
- * 30-39
- * 40-49
- * 50 or more

Q2 - How much money has your organisation spent on training employees (including time spent on internal training sessions, external contractors and third party courses) how to use AI for work-related activities (between 01/09/2023 and 31/08/2024)?

Q3 - Do you have a usage policy in place on the use of AI in the workplace? (for instance - have you banned all use of AI, or are employees advised to only use AI for set purposes)

Q4 - Has your organisation taken disciplinary action against employees for their use of technology - e.g. using it outside the bounds of the workplace usage policy?

If yes, did any of the activity relate to the use of AI?

Q5 - Are your employees using any of the following AI copilots?

- * Microsoft Copilot
- * SAP Joule
- * WalkMe^x
- * Salesforce Einstein Copilot
- * Github

- * **Tabnine**
- * **Other**

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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We have an AI policy in place which states that anyone wishing to use AI needs to follow process so the organisation is aware of the team and the context they wish to use it by putting together a business case.

We are closely monitoring Edge Copilot use to understand how this works while keeping our data secure.

Q4 - Has your organisation taken disciplinary action against employees for their use of technology - e.g. using it outside the bounds of the workplace usage policy?

No

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Microsoft Copilot

Further information

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