



My Ref: FOI4874
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information relating to asylum seekers and/or migrants within the Barnsley Council area:

1. The number of asylum seekers (and/or individuals classed as illegal migrants) currently housed in hotels within Barnsley.

Zero; there are NO asylum hotels in Barnsley.

The term 'illegal migrant' is used to describe those who enter the UK by irregular means such as small boat crossings, rather than on Government approved routes. Once in the asylum claim is made, all are recorded as 'asylum seekers' and it is not possible to differentiate on the route of arrival.

2. The number of asylum seekers (and/or individuals classed as illegal migrants) currently housed in other forms of accommodation, such as residential housing or Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), within Barnsley.

The most recent data is available at:

<https://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/statistics/refugee-and-asylum-seeker-dashboard>

Latest data June 2025 records 253.

3. The number and types of crimes committed in Barnsley over the last 12 months where the offender has been identified as an asylum seeker or migrant.

We do not hold this information. Please redirect to South Yorkshire Police at:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/>

4. The total cost to Barnsley Council (or central government funding administered locally) for accommodating asylum seekers in hotels, housing, or HMOs over the past 12 months. Please provide a breakdown of costs where possible (e.g., hotel contracts, security, food, transport, support services).

The cost associated with asylum seekers is the responsibility of the Government Home Office and is not part of Local Authority budgets.

5. The number and location (by postcode sector) of hotels currently being used to house asylum seekers in Barnsley.

Zero; there are NO asylum hotels in Barnsley.

6. Copies or details of contracts Barnsley Council holds with private companies or hotels for providing accommodation to asylum seekers, including provider names where disclosure is not commercially sensitive.

Barnsley Council does NOT hold any contracts relating to accommodation for asylum seekers. The contract for housing provision is between the Government Home Office and Mears Group PLC. Barnsley Council does not hold the contract information.

7. The number of school places allocated to children of asylum seekers in Barnsley in the last 12 months.

We do not hold this information. Parents do not have to submit this information unless they choose to, therefore data is not collated.

8. The cost or estimated cost to local NHS services of healthcare provision to asylum seekers in Barnsley (if this information is held by the council).

Barnsley Council does not hold this information. Please redirect to Barnsley NHS Foundation Trust, Gawber Road, Barnsley S75 2EP. Requests must be made in writing.

9. Details of any additional support services funded by the council for asylum seekers (e.g., interpreters, social services), including costs.

The Council does not fund services for asylum seekers.

10. The number of police call-outs, safeguarding incidents, or reports of anti-social behaviour linked to asylum accommodation in Barnsley over the last 12 months.

We do not hold this information, please redirect to South Yorkshire Police at:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/>

Please provide the most recent data available, broken down by category where possible.

If any of this information is exempt from disclosure, please provide the relevant exemption and the reasoning.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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