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Enquiries to: Information Requests
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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: -

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the collection and processing of electrical and electronic waste (WEEE) by your council:

- 1. How many tonnes of electrical and electronic waste (WEEE) were collected for recycling or disposal by your council in the most recent full calendar year?**

573.45 tonnes of WEEE were collected in 24/25 at the HWRC's.

- 2. What proportion of your council's total household waste (by weight) did WEEE represent in the same period?**

0.56%

- 3. Does your council offer kerbside collection of electrical waste, or must residents take items to a designated collection point (e.g. household waste recycling centres)?**

BMBC does not currently offer kerbside collections, the only designated collection points are at HWRC's, or local retailers who accept electrical products. BMBC also offers a Bulky Collection service and sometimes electrical items are collected as part of this.

- 4. How many designated WEEE drop-off points are currently available in your council area? (Please include both permanent and mobile/pop-up sites if applicable.)**

There are 4 HWRC's all with WEEE drop off points. There are also local retailers with collection points however the number is not recorded.

- 5. What was the total cost to the council of collecting and processing WEEE in the most recent full year?**

The council pays a management fee to the contractor for the HWRC contract, which includes an apportioned figure for this waste stream. However, WEEE is not itemised. The collections and recycling of WEEE from the HWRC sites are managed through a producer compliance scheme at no cost

6. Do you work with any third-party contractors or registered schemes to handle WEEE?

The HWRC's are managed by a third-party contractor – HW Martins

7. What percentage of the WEEE collected is ultimately:

- **Recycled**
 - **Reused**
 - **Landfilled or incinerated**
- (Please provide percentages or estimates if possible.)***

The HWRC's do not provide percentages of what is recycled as it is bulked together with WEEE items from other Council's. However, items suitable for reuse would go to the 'Refurnish' shop and all other items sent to 'Ron Hull' in Rotherham for recycling.

8. Has your council undertaken any public awareness campaigns or community initiatives regarding WEEE recycling in the past three years?

In October 2024, the council participated in the Material Focus Great Cable Challenge.

9. Does your council track fly-tipping incidents involving electrical items separately from general fly-tipping?
(If yes, how many such incidents were recorded in the most recent full calendar year?)

Yes, 425 electrical items were fly-tipped, this includes white goods such as fridge freezers, electrical items such as TV's and 'other electrical items'

10. Are there any planned changes or improvements to WEEE recycling services in your area within the next 12 months?
(E.g. new facilities, changes to collection policies, education campaigns.)

Yes, BMBC will be applying for funding to improve recycling services and if successful these changes will include collection points and education campaigns

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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