



My Ref: FOI4504
Your Ref:
Date: 05/06/2025
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: -

How many single-parent households in Doncaster are receiving Universal Credit or other welfare benefits? This data is held by the Department for Work and Pensions and is not available to Barnsley Council.

What is the average income level of single-parent households in this area?
Barnsley Council does not hold the income details of the local population.

How many requests for financial hardship grants or emergency funds have been made by single parents in the last 12 months?

There is no way of determining whether the applicant is a single parent

How many single-parent families are currently on the waiting list for social housing or emergency accommodation?

This information is available via the below website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

What is the estimated poverty rate for single-parent households in Doncaster?

This information is not available to Barnsley Council.

How many single parents have accessed local food banks, baby banks, or clothing donation programs in the past year? Barnsley Council does not specifically capture food bank requests by single parents.

Are there council-funded programs or partnerships specifically addressing child poverty within single-parent households? Barnsley Council does not currently commission services specifically for poverty in single parent households. Initiatives to reduce the impact of poverty are not restricted to any single household composition.

If so, what are they? N/A

How many single-parent families are currently being supported by a social worker or family support worker? We do not record this information

What is the average waiting time for single parents to access council-run support services (e.g., parenting programs, mental health referrals, housing support)?

We do not record this information

What council services exist to help single parents manage budgeting, debt, or cost of living pressures? Barnsley Council does not currently commission services specifically for single parents. Services that provide advice and support to manage budgeting and debt are universally available and not restricted to a single household composition type.

Are there any funded or free programs that help single parents improve literacy, digital skills, or gain work-related qualifications? There are a range of Further Education providers delivering across Barnsley who receive funding through the Adult Skills Fund managed by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. The provision included programs to address literacy and digital skills gaps as well as opportunities to gain work related qualifications. This is open access provision for adults meeting eligibility requirements rather than for single parents specifically.

How many referrals to mental health or wellbeing services were made for single parents in the last 12 months?

This information is not recorded

Does the council collect any data on loneliness or social isolation affecting single parents?

Information is collected about loneliness/social isolation but there is no determinant that the individual is a single parent

If so, what are the trends?

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

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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