



My Ref: FOI/ 5157
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: -

For calendar years 2024-2025, and year start 2025 to date, please provide the following aggregate, anonymised information held by your council.

- 1. The total number of individuals granted refugee status, humanitarian protection, or indefinite leave to remain who were placed in the highest priority band for social housing allocation. Please separate by type (e.g., column 1 refugee status, column 2 humanitarian protection etc.) Where numbers are less than or equal to 5, please express as ≤ 5 to protect individual identities, no personal information is requested.** Local authorities do not hold records on the numbers granted refugee status/humanitarian protection or indefinite leave to remain. Decisions on immigration status are made by the Government Home- Office and any data is held by them, not local councils.
- 2. Confirmation (yes/no) that all such individuals were assessed against the council's statutory housing need criteria under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (or equivalent legislation) and met those criteria.** Housing need is assessed at the point a homeless application is made regardless of immigration status. Therefore, this information is not held.
- 3. The total number of council-owned or managed social housing properties allocated to individuals granted refugee status, humanitarian protection, or indefinite leave to remain in the highest priority band during each period. Please separate by type. Where numbers are less than or equal to 5, please express as ≤ 5 to protect individual identities, no personal information is requested.** Housing need is assessed on a case-by-case basis; priority banding is awarded according to individual circumstances, vulnerabilities, medical conditions etc. Immigration status is not recorded as part of the priority need assessment.
- 4. The total number of social housing properties (council-owned or managed) allocated to all individuals in the highest priority band during each period. Where numbers are less than or equal to 5, please express as ≤ 5 to protect individual identities, no personal information is requested.** As above, we do not hold this information.

If provision of all data would exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please prioritise 2024 data and questions 1 and 3.

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

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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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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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