



My Ref: FOI4767
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: -

Detailed breakdown of all goods, services, discounts, and benefits provided by the council to illegal migrants, adult asylum seekers, unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, and people granted asylum in each year since 2020. Figures (where applicable) for how much money was spent by the council on each item in each year since 2020. Figures (where applicable) for how many recipients received these items in each year since 2020, broken down by nationality.

Local Authorities do not provide goods, services, discounts or benefits to illegal migrants, (those who enter the Country by illegal routes such as the English Channel), or any other asylum seekers. Asylum seekers have 'no recourse to public funds; NRPF status' and so cannot access benefits. All asylum seekers are the responsibility of the Government, (Home Office), and receive subsistence payments of £49.18 per week via an Aspen Card, £8.86 for those in hotels where food is provided. This comes direct from the Government, NOT local authorities. Those granted asylum are classed as newly recognised refugee's, they have freedom of movement and can access services and benefits in the same way as any other individual. Therefore, the data on 'people granted asylum' is not held.

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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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