BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/ 5416
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 writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding police presence during the removal of children under Emergency Protection Orders. I would like to receive the data I am requesting from the years 2023, 2024 and from 1st January 2025- 30th June 2025. Specifically I would like to request the following: 1. The total number of occasions where, as a result of an Emergency Protection Order (EPO) under the Children Act 1989, children were removed from parental care by the local authority. 2. The total number of occasions where the Family Court authorised the attendance of police at these removals. 3. Where recorded, the total number of police officers who attended at these removals. I would like to receive the data in Excel format, please.

1.

Period	Children entering care under legal status code L2 (EPO).
2023	<5 – Answer supressed to protect confidentiality.*
2024	0
January – June 2025	<5 – Answer supressed to protect confidentiality.*

*I apply section 40(2) of the Freedom of information Act 2000, to information relating to children who were removed from parental care as this could lead to the identification of the individuals concerned and would be in breach of principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 – lawfulness, fairness, and transparency.

2. Data not held in reportable format.

3. Data not held in reportable format.

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

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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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