



My Ref: FOI/ 5384
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: -

In the last financial year (24/25) and year to date for households where the reason for approach is domestic abuse.

2024/25: 161

2025/26 (to date): 127

Number of homeless approaches and enquiries where the reason was domestic abuse, including where this did not result in a homeless application progressing (i.e. where initial advised only was provided). This information is not recorded in a reportable format. To determine this information, we would need to look into every application and to do so would exceed the time allowed.

Can you also provide the reason why a homeless case was not opened; I'm particularly interested in the prevalence of approaches from those with no recourse to public funds. In respect of the first part of this question, as above, this information is not recorded in a reportable format. To determine this information, we would need to look into every application and to do so would exceed the time allowed.

One 'Not Eligible' decision has been made in 2025/26 (to date).

Household composition of those approaching for assistance due to domestic abuse. Please include:

- the age (or age range) and gender of the main applicant,
- the age (or age range) and gender of any children,
- Any disabilities within the household (particularly where they impact on suitability of accommodation)
- Ethnicity of main applicant
- Nationality of main applicant
- Employment status of main applicant
- Eligibility for homelessness assistance
- Sexual Identity of main applicant
- Outcomes in Domestic abuse cases including main duty accepted and how this was discharged and any preventions and reliefs and how this was achieved.

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Placements in temporary and emergency accommodation and the type of accommodation used, I'm particularly looking at placements in hotel or other nightly paid accommodation.

- 24/25 – 28 placements were made into hotel or other nightly paid accommodation
- 24/26 (to date) – 26 placements have been made into hotel or other nightly paid accommodation

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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