



My Ref: FOI 6140
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: -

Please state, for each of the following financial years:

- **2024/25**
- **2025/26**

1. The total number of Blue Badges issued by the authority.

2024/25: 298 Blue Badges issued
2025/26: 395 Blue Badges issued

2. The number of Blue Badges issued under “hidden disability”, “non-visible disability”, “non-visible hidden”, or equivalent eligibility criteria.

3. Of the badges referred to in Question 2, please state how many applications included reference to:

- (a) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**
- (b) Anxiety and/or anxiety disorder**

This includes cases where the condition was recorded as either a primary or secondary factor within the application or assessment process

After considering your request I have decided to refuse it under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is because it is estimated that the time taken to provide the information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, equivalent to 18 hours of staff time.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act is a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with the request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit.

To provide the information we would have to perform a manual check of each individual application and review all the evidence linked to the application. It is estimated that it would take 10 minutes per application of which there are 693 and this would equate to over 115 hours of staff time.

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

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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