

My Ref: FOI4881

Enquiries to: Information Requests

E-Mail: <u>informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk</u>

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 to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your organisation's handling of sexual harassment reports and related policies for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).

 How many reports or complaints of sexual harassment or inappropriate sexual conduct has your organisation received in each of the past three calendar years?

2022 - 0

2023 - 0

2024 - 0

2025 - 2

 What is your organisation's formal policy for handling reports of sexual harassment?

Complaints can be made internally through our Dignity at Work Policy or externally through our complaints procedure.

 Do you classify reports of sexual harassment as "whistleblowing reports" under your current policies?

Please see below reports:

https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s125492/Confidential%20Reporting%20Report%20May%202025.pdf

https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s116762/Confidential%20Reporting%20Report%20May%202024.pdf

https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s107345/Confidential%20Reporting%20Report%20May%202023%20FINAL.pdf

Please provide the total number of whistleblowing reports your organisation has received in each of the last three years, and indicate how many of these related specifically to sexual harassment.

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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

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Kind regards,
Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC
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