



My Ref: FOI/4391
Your Ref:
Date: 13/05/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

I am lodging an inquiry under the Freedom of Information Act regarding your response to Child Sexual Exploitation as a local authority. Below are 10 questions regarding this - I look forward to your response. 1. Does the council have a standalone Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) strategy? If so, please provide a copy of the most recent version. 2. Does the council have any other strategies to tackle other forms of child exploitation? For clarity the primary focus of the strategy should be child exploitation, not included as part of wider safeguarding strategies. 3. Has the local authority undertaken any evaluation or impact assessment of any child exploitation strategy or services in the past 3 years? If so, please provide a copy of any relevant reports, 4. Are elected members given briefings or oversight of the council's work on child exploitation? (e.g. briefings, training sessions, regular reports at committee or scrutiny meetings?) 5. Please provide a copy of any current multi-agency protocol or partnership agreement relating to child exploitation (including CSE, criminal exploitation, trafficking, or online harm). 6. Please provide membership by organisation and frequency of meetings for the multi-agency partnership for child exploitation. 7. Does the local authority undertake regular audits of child exploitation cases (including CSE)? If so, please provide: 1. The number of audits carried out in the last 12 months 2. The key findings from these audits 3. Any improvement actions identified and their current status? 8. What specific services or interventions does the local authority provide or commission to prevent child exploitation? 9. How many children were referred to early help or preventative services due to risk of exploitation in the last 12 months? Please provide the number of: 1. Children identified as at risk of CSE in the last 12 months 2. Children identified as victims of CSE in the last 12 months 3. Children identified as at risk of other forms of exploitation (e.g. criminal exploitation, modern slavery, trafficking) 4. Children identified as victims of other forms of exploitation (e.g. criminal exploitation, modern slavery, trafficking) 10. What was the total budget allocated to child exploitation work (including prevention and victim support) in the previous three financial years (22/23, 23/24, 24/25)?

After careful assessment, we have determined that fulfilling this request would require significant time and collaboration across multiple business units within the Council due to its detailed scope and complexity. As the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, equivalent to 18 hours of work, we are unable to proceed with the request under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you wish to refine your request to fall within the cost limit, please let us know, and we would be happy to assist where possible.

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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