



My Ref: FOI/ 5503
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: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information in relation to children’s social care assessments held by Barnsley Council:

- 1. The total number of social work assessments awaiting completion as at the most recent reporting date.**
 - 299 CYP Assessments (concerning 498 CYP) as at 28/01/2025
- 2. Of these, how many were:**
 - a) unallocated to a social worker**
 - 0, all assessments allocated to a social worker.
 - b) allocated but not completed**
 - 299 CYP Assessments (concerning 498 CYP) assigned to social workers.
- 3. The number of assessments outstanding beyond statutory timescales at that date.**
 - 31 CYP Assessments (concerning 47 CYP) outstanding beyond 45 working days.
- 4. If available, a breakdown of the above figures by service area or team.**

Service Area	CYP Assessments		
	Within Timescale	Out of Timescale	Total
Assessment	169	10	178
CIC	23	8	31
CYPT	52	7	58
DCT	16	0	16
Fostering	6	1	7
Other	4	5	9
Total	270	31	299

5. Monthly backlog figures for the previous 12 months (or the longest period readily available).

Month	Completed CYP assessments		
	In Time	Out of time	Total
Jan-25	123	56	179
Feb-25	124	15	138
Mar-25	124	37	161
Apr-25	101	27	128
May-25	120	19	138
Jun-25	94	23	117
Jul-25	123	26	149
Aug-25	102	39	141
Sep-25	82	40	122
Oct-25	113	28	141
Nov-25	89	25	114
Dec-25	117	17	134
Total	1312	352	1662

Please provide the information in an anonymised, aggregate 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:

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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: -

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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