



My Ref: FOI/ 5021
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 provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to the date you process this request (inclusive). Where possible, provide responses in a machine-readable format (CSV or Excel) with the relevant dates and counts included.

- 1. Under section 175(4) of the Housing Act 1996, a person is “threatened with homelessness if they are likely to become homeless within 56 days” (including predictable loss of accommodation, as clarified in *Aweys v Birmingham City Council* [2009] UKHL 36).**

a. How many individuals have been added to the council’s “at-risk-of-homelessness” / prevention list where the reason for listing was that they were likely to become homeless within 56 days (i.e. threats to lose accommodation within 56 days) and where prevention support was provided before they received a notice to quit or other formal notice?

This information is not recorded.

b. Please provide an annual breakdown (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025-to-date). If monthly breakdown is available please include it.

As above, this information is not recorded. The closest related data recorded is the number of households the Council accepted a prevention duty for. This information is provided in the attached spreadsheet.

- 2. Of the individuals identified in (1), how many had a Personalised Housing Plan prepared in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017? Please provide the same annual (or monthly, if available) breakdown and state whether the PHP was prepared before, on the same day as, or after the date they were added to the at-risk list.**

This information is not recorded in a reportable format. Each individual application would need to be reviewed in order to obtain this information and to do so would exceed the time allowed.

3. For the same time period, how many of the individuals identified in (1) were successfully rehoused within 56 days (i.e. housed into suitable accommodation and did not require emergency temporary accommodation)? Please provide an annual (or monthly) breakdown. If you hold data on the type of accommodation secured (social rent, private rented sector with/without deposit support, mutual exchange, etc.), please include that breakdown.

Please see attached spreadsheet for the data available for this question.

4. Of the individuals identified in (1), how many subsequently required emergency accommodation (temporary/ TA)? For those who required emergency accommodation, please provide:
- a. The number of people who required any emergency accommodation.
 - b. The total number of nights of emergency accommodation provided (aggregate).
 - c. The average, median and range (minimum and maximum) of nights spent in emergency accommodation.
 - d. An annual (or monthly) breakdown for a–c.
 - e. If available, the type of emergency accommodation used (e.g., B&B, council-managed hostel, leased TA, hotel) and counts for each type.

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Additional requests and clarifications:

- If you do not hold the data exactly as requested but hold closely related records, please provide those and explain how they differ from the descriptions above.
- If any part of this request is unclear or would exceed the appropriate limit under section 12 of the FOIA, please contact me promptly (within the statutory period) to discuss a narrowed or clarified request. If you intend to rely on any exemption, please cite the exemption and provide the public interest test (where appropriate).
- I would prefer to receive the information electronically in CSV or Excel format. Please also include the exact definitions/fields used in your database for the terms “at-risk-of-homelessness”, “prevention support”, “personalised housing plan”, and “emergency accommodation”.

If you consider any portion of this request to be a request for personal data of identifiable individuals, please provide non-disclosive aggregated statistics to the

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fullest extent permitted by law. If any costs are to be charged for responding, please advise in advance and give an estimate.

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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