



My Ref: FOI 6051
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: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act, and with relation to your local authority, can you please provide me with the following information?

1. The total amount owed to the council in council tax arrears within your local authority on the latest date which figures were available.

£15,151,171

2. The total number of people who are currently in arrears of payment of their council tax to your local authority (arrears defined as having missed at least one payment)?

24,974 (this is the number of accounts not people)

3. The total number of people who currently have debt management procedures commenced against them by your authority for non-payment of council tax (including those under any escalation process in debt recovery, receiving e.g. automated reminders, letter before action and referral to debt collection agency)?

This would be the same figure as question 2.

4. The total number of people who have had court proceedings begun against them relating to non-payment of council tax in your local authority in 2023/24 and 2024/25?

2023/24 – 10,005

2024/25 – 13,246

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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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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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