



My Ref: FOI4945
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: -

How many illegal immigrants have been given houses in the borough and the cost of housing them. The areas they are housed. Who covers costs of furniture . What are the costs of the furniture per property.

The term 'illegal migrant' is used to describe a person who has entered the country via 'irregular means' such as a small boat crossing. Once in the country asylum is claimed and the person becomes an 'asylum seeker'. The Government Home Office has full responsibility for asylum seekers, both housing and welfare. Local authorities do NOT provide accommodation or meet any associated costs. Therefore, the houses and costs is zero.

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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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