



My Ref: FOI 6299
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: -

Please provide the following information relating to abandoned vehicles:

1. The total number of reports of abandoned vehicles received by the council for each of the last five financial years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24).
2. The total expenditure incurred by the council in the removal of abandoned vehicles for each of the same five financial years.
3. Whether the council has a contract in place with a private provider for the removal of abandoned vehicles. If so, please provide:
 - a) The name of the contractor.
 - b) The annual payment made to that contractor for each of the last five financial years.
 - c) The start and end date of the current contract.
4. The specific statutory powers used by the council to authorise the removal of abandoned vehicles (for example, the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or other legislation).
5. Whether the council is a registered DVLA Power Partner for the purpose of accessing vehicle keeper data in connection with abandoned vehicle enforcement.
6. For each of the last five financial years, the average and maximum number of days elapsed between an initial report of an abandoned vehicle being received and the vehicle being removed or the case being closed.
7. For each of the last five financial years:
 - a) The number of reported vehicles that were found to be untaxed (no valid Vehicle Excise Duty) at the time of inspection.

b) The number of reports that were assessed and subsequently closed on the basis that the vehicle did not meet the criteria to be classed as abandoned.

1.

19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Grand Total
436	374	526	469	491	2296

2. £0

3a. QnQ Motor Services

b. £0

c. No contract

4. Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

5. No

6.

Year	Avg days to close	Max days to close
19/20	5.24	891
20/21	3.09	375
21/22	4.74	617
22/23	7.09	202
23/24	8.20	140

NB: The tax & MOT status is not always recorded at the time of reporting.

7.a)

Year	No tax
19/20	14
20/21	8
21/22	4
22/23	3
23/24	9

7.b)

Row Labels	Informal - Assessed for intelligence only	Informal - Unable or unwilling to progress	Grand Total
19/20	20	166	186
20/21	18	184	202
21/22	8	202	210
22/23	3	140	143
23/24	5	100	105

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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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Information Requests Team
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email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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