

My Ref: FOI/ 5197

Enquiries to: Information Requests

E-Mail: <u>informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk</u>

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 all years for which the council holds relevant records, up to and including the date of this request:

1. The number of successful Blue Badge applications where the primary evidence for eligibility included a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award letter showing 8 points or more for the "Planning and Following a Journey" activity, and 0 points for the "Moving Around" activity.

For clarity, this request excludes data for applicants who qualified under the "Moving Around" activity (enhanced mobility component). It relates only to applicants who were awarded a Blue Badge under the discretionary criterion connected to the "Planning and Following a Journey" activity.

BMBC does not hold this level of data. We can alternatively provide how many Blue Badges were processed in a timescale (none provided in the request) based on 'no further assessment', but we do not drill down this far. Additionally, we no longer accept award letters, the information is taken directly from Searchlight.

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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