



My Ref: FOI 6384
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: -

What Joint boards, Inter-Library Co-operation (Section 3) or other cooperation does the council library service work with and which other councils / library services are on these?

Barnsley Libraries is a member of Libraries Connected, an independent charity that supports, promotes and represents public libraries. As part of this we attend national and regional meetings and receive advice, training, shared professional knowledge and funding opportunities.

Through Libraries Connected Yorkshire & Humber, Barnsley Libraries are part of the Yorkshire Book Consortium for book supply, and this includes library services in the Northwest. There is also a Yorkshire and Humber Library Management System Consortium. Both these consortia have Steering Groups.

There are 36 participating Councils in the Yorkshire Book Consortium:

The Northwest Participating Councils are:

Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Bolton, Bury, Cumbria, Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, St Helens, Salford (Salford Community Leisure), Sefton, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Warrington (Warrington LiveWire), Wigan and Wirral

The Yorkshire Book Consortium Authorities are:

Barnsley, Bradford, Calderdale, Doncaster, East Riding, Hull, Kirklees, Leeds, N.E. Lincolnshire (Lincs Inspire), North Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, Rotherham, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Wakefield and York.

The Library Management System Consortium consists of 10 library services:

Barnsley, Calderdale, Rotherham, Sheffield, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Lincs Inspire, and North Lincolnshire.

Barnsley Libraries co-operate on inter-library loans with other public and academic libraries and also borrow items from the British Library on behalf of customers. This could be any library service in England.

Barnsley Libraries co-operate on grant funding bids with other library services on a national, regional and sub-regional level.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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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