



My Ref: FOI/ 4834
Your Ref:
Date: 23rd September 2025
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: -

Annual data, for the past six financial years, 2019 to 2025 (to date) on the number of individuals recognised as refugees who have been assessed or recorded by your authority as homeless. If it would exceed the section 12 limit to provide six years of data, please explain why that is and instead provide data for the time period that you are able to provide within the limit.

For the relevant period, please provide the following information, broken down by financial year (or calendar year, if more appropriate):

1. The total number of individuals who have approached your authority seeking assistance as homeless.

Year:	Total number of approaches:
2019/20	2005
2020/21	1914
2021/22	1828
2022/23	1761
2023/24	1818
2024/25	2391
2025/26 (to date)	1153

2. Of those who approached your authority as homeless, how many were recognised as refugees — i.e., individuals granted refugee status or humanitarian protection with leave to remain. This information is not recorded on 'approach'. This information is only recorded when a homeless duty has been accepted and is as follows:

Year:	Total number of applications assessed as homeless:
2019/20	10
2020/21	11
2021/22	13
2022/23	21
2023/24	69
2024/25	72
2025/26 (to date)	8

3. **Of the homeless individuals recognised as refugees, how many were granted their refugee status and leave to remain by a different local authority.** This information is not recorded.
4. **Total annual spending on homelessness for each of the past six financial years (or as many as you are able to provide within the s.12 limit).**
This should cover:
 - a. **Support provided under statutory homelessness duties;** We do not quantify what is spent on 'support'
 - b. **Support for individuals presenting informally or via referral who do not qualify for statutory assistance.** This information is not recorded.
5. **Of the total homelessness spend, how much was spent on homeless individuals with refugee status.** This information is not recorded.

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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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