



My Ref: FOI4893
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: -

How many HMO (including local hotels) are currently housing asylum seekers/irregular migrants or whatever other designation you have assigned them, in the BMBC area?

There are NO asylum hotels in Barnsley. The contract for asylum housing is between the Government Home Office and Mears Group PLC. Please redirect to Mears Group PLC (Head Office), Second Floor 5220 Valiant Court Gloucester Business Park Brockworth Gloucester Gloucestershire GL3 4FE.

How many people currently living in the BMBC area are classified as asylum seekers etc?

As of 01/09/2025 there are 253 asylum seekers. This data can be found at:
<https://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/statistics/refugee-and-asylum-seeker-dashboard>

How much money is BMBC responsible for providing from it's budget to these schemes?

Zero: local authority budgets are not used for the housing provision of asylum seekers.

Do you have plans to challenge the usage of these in your area?

N/A

What is the reasoning for this decision?

N/A

For the avoidance of doubt, let me emphasise, I am NOT asking for the location, names or area of Barnsley they are in. I am only interested in numbers.

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

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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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