



My Ref: FOI/ 4711
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: -

I am writing to formally request access to information regarding individuals who have resettled within your council area over the past 10 years. For the purpose of this request, "resettlers" refers to individuals who have arrived in the UK seeking asylum, refugee status, or humanitarian protection, as well as those who have since been granted the legal right to remain.

Please provide detailed responses to the following questions, with data broken down annually where possible:

1. Total Number of Resettlers

How many resettlers are currently living within your council's jurisdiction? We do not hold this information; those who resettle have freedom of movement across the UK. Information is available via census data:

<https://www.censusdata.uk/e08000016-barnsley>

2. Demographic Breakdown

Please provide the ethnicity, average age within each ethnic group, and the sex distribution of resettlers. We do not hold this information; data is available at:

<https://www.censusdata.uk/e08000016-barnsley>

3. Accommodation Details

What type of accommodation is being provided to resettlers? Please distinguish between those currently awaiting a decision on their right to remain, and those who have been granted leave to stay.

(e.g., "Albanian asylum seeker – 2-bedroom flat"). Barnsley MBC does NOT provide accommodation for asylum seekers. Mears Group PLC provide asylum accommodation in Barnsley.

4. Housing Costs

What is the total cost of housing resettlers? Please also provide a breakdown of costs by ethnic group and/or country of origin. We do not hold this information; housing is allocated on a 'need basis', ethnic group or Country of origin are not relevant/recorded as part of a housing offer.

5. Time to Accommodation

What has been the average time taken to provide accommodation for each

resettler? Please include breakdowns by ethnicity.

(e.g., "Iranian – 5 months"). We do not hold this information, as above a person's origin is not relevant/recorded as it has no bearing on time taken to allocate accommodation.

6. Occupancy Rates

How many individuals are living in each resettler accommodation unit? Are all bedrooms fully occupied? We do not hold this information. All properties, both social and private rent are subject to HHSRS (Housing Health Safety Rating System) to prevent overcrowding.

7. Proximity to Schools

How many resettlers are currently living within a 10-minute walk of a school? We do not hold this information.

8. Arrests

How many resettlers have been arrested during their time in the UK? We do not hold this information; contact South Yorkshire Police.

9. Background Information

For how many resettlers does the council (or relevant authority) hold complete background information, including any prior criminal records? We do not hold this information; local authorities do not hold criminal records; contact South Yorkshire Police.

10. Illegal Employment Cases

How many businesses within your jurisdiction have been found employing individuals without the legal right to work in the UK? Immigration Compliance & Enforcement within Government has the responsibility for enforcing illegal working practises, business closures and prosecutions/fines. BMBC does not hold this information. This applies to all questions from 10 to 14.

11. Identified Businesses

Please list the names of all businesses found to have employed or paid individuals without the right to work.

12. Repeat Offences by Businesses

How many times has each of these businesses been found in violation? Please include the number of individuals involved and the number of separate incidents.

13. Enforcement Resources

Does the council have a department dedicated to investigating illegal employment of resettlers or migrants? If so:

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- What is the annual cost of operating this department?
- How many staff are employed?

14. Fines and Penalties

What financial penalties have been issued to businesses employing individuals without the right to work?

- Has the penalty amount increased for repeat offenders?
- Have any businesses been shut down as a result?

15. Under-18 Resettlers

How many resettlers under the age of 18 have arrived in your council area in the past 10 years? We do not hold this data.

16. Cost of Care for Under-18s

What has been the total cost of supporting resettlers under the age of 18 during this period? We do not hold this data.

17. Fines to Business

What fines have been issued to each business found to have employed individuals without the legal right to work in the UK? Immigration Compliance & Enforcement within Government has the responsibility for enforcing illegal working practises, business closures and prosecutions/fines. BMBC does not hold this information.

Please provide the number of separate businesses that have been fined for employing or paying those without the right to work in the UK.

Please provide the name of the business and its owners name.

- **What has been the fine amount issued on each occasion per business. Please put the fine next to the business name, And the number of illegally working people the business was found to have working for them on each separate occasion?** We do not hold this information.

Have fines increased for businesses with repeat offences. State the business and the number of times it has been found to be in contempt of the law, state the increase, and the business/owner name for the fines?

Have any businesses been closed down as a result of these violations, if yes please give full details? We do not hold this information.

Please ensure all data is provided in a clear, accessible format (e.g. spreadsheet or table format where appropriate), and segmented by year for the full 10-year period

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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:

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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