



My Ref: FOI 5598  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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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: -

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following for each of the last 5 years (2020 - 2025).**

**1. The number of homelessness applications where ‘relationship breakdown’ was recorded as a primary cause.**

<b>Year:</b>	<b>Applications:</b>
2020	162
2021	127
2022	69
2023	89
2024	97
2025	75

**2. Of these, how many applicants were recorded as previously cohabiting (i.e. not married or in a civil partnership).**

Previous relationship status is not recorded on every application. This information is provided from the applications the information was recorded against:

<b>Year:</b>	<b>Applications:</b>
2020	86
2021	79
2022	27
2023	46
2024	43
2025	37

**If exact figures are not available, please provide the data in the format you hold it.**

**If any part of this request cannot be fulfilled in the format or timeframe specified, I would be grateful if you could advise on any available alternatives or the nearest equivalent datasets.**

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

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Information Requests Team  
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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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