



My Ref: FOI/ 4682
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: -

1. How many immigrants (illegal) are housed in the BMBC area?

The term 'illegal immigrant' is used to categorise those arriving in the UK via the English Channel in small boat crossings. Once asylum is claimed and dispersal takes place, the method of arrival is not disclosed. Therefore, this information is not held by BMBC.

2. How much does it cost to house and support all of the immigrants in the BMBC area?

Immigrants are granted visas by the Home Office for work, study, visitor or travel. They have freedom of movement across the UK. Therefore, this information is not held by BMBC.

3. How much is spent on DEI within BMBC.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), encompasses several policies and initiatives across the whole of BMBC, forming part of the 'core values' of the council and helping to ensure we meet our legal obligations. We employ one Senior Policy and Equalities Officer (£41,511 – 44,711) and one Equality, Diversity, Inclusion Officer (£30,559 - £33,366) to support the delivery of this work.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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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