



My Ref: FOI 6550
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: -

Thank you for your request for information regarding Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) services commissioned by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Section 1: Commissioned Cost of LARC Provision

Q1. What is the commissioned unit cost per LARC fitting for each of the following device types under contracts held by your local authority?

Intrauterine system (IUS)

Intrauterine device (IUD/copper coil)

Subdermal implant

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council commissions an integrated sexual health service. As the contract does not specify separate unit costs for LARC devices or fittings, the Council does not hold unit-cost information for IUS, IUD/copper coil or subdermal implant fittings.

Q2. What was the total expenditure by your local authority on LARC provision (fitting and devices) in each of the last three financial years?

LARC services are provided as part of the integrated sexual health service contract. The Council does not separately record expenditure relating specifically to LARC provision, including device and fitting costs. Therefore, this information on LARC fitting and devices is not held.

Section 2: Service Capacity - LARC Fitting Sites

Q3. How many commissioned service sites within your local authority area are currently contracted to provide LARC fittings?

The Council commissions a single integrated sexual health service provider, Spectrum Community Health CIC, which provides LARC services through its Barnsley sexual health clinic and outreach provision across the borough, including delivery through community locations and general practices.

Q4. For each commissioned site identified in Q3, please provide the geographic location (at minimum, the local authority district or ward), and whether the site is accessible without a GP referral (i.e. self-referral available).

Spectrum Sexual Health, Unit 1, Gateway Plaza, Sackville Street, Barnsley, S70 2RD.
The service accepts self-referrals and does not require a GP referral.

Section 3: Uptake and Inequity Data

Q5. Does your local authority hold any data on LARC uptake or provision rates disaggregated by deprivation level, ward, or IMD decile?

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council does not hold routinely reported LARC uptake data disaggregated by deprivation level, ward, or IMD decile.

Information relating to sexual health needs and inequalities is contained within the Barnsley Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which are publicly available on the Barnsley Council website via the below links:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/podhi43e/barnsley-pna-25-28-final-version.pdf>

https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/wyycbzkd/healthy-barnsley-hub_your-jsna-resource.pdf

Q6. Has your local authority conducted any analysis of unmet demand for LARC services, including in areas of higher deprivation?

The Council has not undertaken a specific standalone analysis of unmet demand for LARC services.

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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