



My Ref: FOI/4259
Your Ref:
Date: 15/04/2025
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: -

As a freedom of information request, please provide data regarding the number of challenges to books received by your library/libraries for each calendar year between 2018 and 2024, plus so far in 2025. For this request, a book challenge is defined as a formal complaint requesting that materials be removed from a library because of its content or alleged inappropriateness.

For each year, please provide the number of books challenged.

For each book challenged, please provide:

- **The title and author of the book challenged**
- **The reason (if any) provided for the challenge**
- **The action taken in response to the challenge**

The Library Service has not received any challenges to books, as defined in the freedom of information request.

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

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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