



My Ref: FOI4509
Your Ref:
Date: 09/06/2025
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: -

This is a freedom of information request surrounding the Prevent Strategy programme in the 2024-25, 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21 financial years.

Please provide me with the following:

- 1. How much did your organisation receive in Prevent Strategy programme funding in each of the following financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25?**
- 2. A breakdown of where this money was spent by your organisation in each of the following financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.**
- 3. Which council department is responsible for administering Prevent Strategy spending (please list all applicable).**

By 'where this money was spent' please provide the organisation names that you gave money to, how much each received and what reasons/projects they were given it for.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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This information is exempt from disclosure under sections 24(1), 31(1)(a), and 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Releasing a breakdown of the amount of funding given to a Prevent area for the years specified could be used, alongside other FOIs, to build up a detailed picture or 'threat map' of how the Prevent resources are allocated. There is a risk that knowledge of how Prevent resources are allocated could be exploited to better target radicalisation efforts. This may impact negatively on the delivery of Prevent, and on the range of activities deployed to prevent terrorism. This includes the ability to disrupt those who would promote terrorism, protect susceptible individuals from recruitment and dissuade those who have been recruited.

These factors would serve to undermine the effectiveness of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy and hence weaken and prejudice the national security of the UK. The disclosure of this information could prejudice law enforcement by deterring legitimate activities to prevent terrorism and thereby jeopardising the Government's efforts to prevent terrorism and terrorist crime.

In addition, the release of this information could potentially put the well-being, and physical safety of individuals and their families at risk. Safeguarding the health and safety of UK citizens is of paramount importance.

- **A breakdown of where this money was spent by your organisation in each of the following financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.**

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In addition, the release of this information could potentially put the well-being, and physical safety of individuals and their families at risk. Safeguarding the health and safety of UK citizens is of paramount importance.

Moreover, the disclosure of this information could prejudice the commercial interests of the organisations involved. There is genuine concern that financial and reputational harm would arise should such information to be made public. The result could cause not only these organisations, but other organisations to be unwilling to become involved in the delivery of Prevent – where the possibility exists that they might be exposed to public scrutiny should their involvement be revealed.

- **Which council department is responsible for administering Prevent Strategy spending (please list all applicable).**

Safer Communities, Barnsley Council

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>

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Kind regards,

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