



My Ref: FOI/ 4655
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: -

How many asylum seekers are currently housed within the Borough of Barnsley and what benefits Barnsley council provide to asylum seekers.

The latest data, (end of March 2025), records 262 asylum seekers in Barnsley. This data can be found here: <https://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/statistics/refugee-and-asylum-seeker-dashboard>

BMBC provides no benefits to asylum seekers. Asylum seekers have no access to public funds and are the responsibility of the Home Office via contract with Mears Group PLC.

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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