



My Ref: FOI6020
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: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding commercial waste collection, bin standardisation, and contamination rates within your council.

Please provide the following data, if held, for the following calendar years:

- 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
- 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

1. The current standard bin colours used by the council for commercial and business waste collections for general waste, dry mixed recycling, paper and cardboard, glass, food waste.

Commercial waste containers (bins) for general waste, dry mixed recycling, paper and cardboard and glass are RED with stickers indicating the specific waste stream. Food Waste containers (bins) are GREEN.

2. The total tonnage of commercial/business recycling collected.

Total tonnes of commercial recycling collected 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026: 366
Total tonnes of commercial recycling collected 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025: 303

3. The total tonnage of commercial/business recycling that was rejected or sent to landfill/EfW (Energy from Waste) due to contamination.

The exact information is not recorded. However, based on sampling data it is estimated 22.9 tonnes were processed as EfW.

4. The number of commercial/business waste collections refused (i.e. the bin was not emptied) by the collection crew due to bin contamination.

This information has not been recorded.

5. The number of formal warnings, fines, or Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued to businesses for failing to correctly separate waste or for bin contamination.

Due to the changing legislation in April 2025 as part of the Simpler Recycling reforms Barnsley Council have taken the approach to educate commercial waste customers in the first instance in relation to how waste should be separated.

- **1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025** – Zero formal warnings, fines or Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's)
- **1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026** – Zero formal warnings, fines or Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's)

If possible, please provide the data in spreadsheet format (e.g. CSV or Excel).

If data is not held for the full period requested, or if the breakdown cannot be produced within the statutory time or cost limits, please instead provide the most up to data figures available for a complete 12 month period.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if any clarification is needed.

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,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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