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454	06/04/2023	Currently how many tenants do you have that own another home ?	We do not hold data of whether current tenants are owner-occupiers. We do not require tenants to update their current status.
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455	04/05/2023	Currently how many homes do you have that are under occupied?	Whilst we cannot know how many of our properties are under occupied, we are able to provide the data below for new lets made in the 2022/23 period. Lets are based on priority need, for example, where we have under occupied bungalow accommodation this is typically to applicants who have been assessed as having priority for that type of accommodation.		
				Total Lets 2022/23	Lets to Under Occupied
			2 Beds	515	320
			3 Beds	204	86

456	15/05/2023	1. The total number of people currently on the waiting list for council housing properties, broken down by bedroom number?	<table><tr><th>Number of beds</th><th>Total number of people on waiting list</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>5308</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>2810</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>1343</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>422</td></tr></table>	Number of beds	Total number of people on waiting list	1	5308	2	2810	3	1343	4	422
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		2. The number of people currently on the waiting list for housing in each area of the council, broken down by property bedroom number?	This data was included in an attachment in our issued response, this response document is 139 pages long, this document can be provided upon request.										
3. The anticipated waiting time for council accommodation, broken down by bedroom number.	For questions 3 and 4: We are unable to provide anticipated waiting times, the “waiting list” that Berneslai Homes runs is on a Choice Based Lettings system so there is not a set waiting time involved, so we do not hold this data. We have the Barnsley Homeseeker Checker (https://www.berneslaihomes.co.uk/housing-demand-tool/) which can show you average waiting times in different council ward areas based on data from the past 3 years.												
4. The anticipated waiting time for council accommodation in each geographical area, broken down by bedroom property number.													
5. The average waiting time for council accommodation, broken down by bedroom number, in each of the last ten years.	This data was included in an attachment in our issued response, this response document is 139 pages long, this document can be provided upon request.												
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460	17/05/2023	1. We would like to know about the total number of young people (aged 16 -24) who were allocated social housing during the full financial year and quarter 4 of the years 2023, 2022, and 2019.	Financial Year	Year Total	Quarter 4 total
			2018/19	138	37
			2019/20	143	43
			2021/22	115	24
			2022/23	121	28
		2. We would also like to know what percentage of social housing was allocated to young people out of the total amount of social housing allocations during the full financial year and quarter 4 of the years 2023, 2022, and 2019.	Financial Year	Year Percentage	Quarter 4 percentage
			2018/19	17.20%	19.60%
			2019/20	20.80%	23.10%
			2021/22	19.30%	17.50%
			2022/23	19.60%	17.70%
		3. We are requesting data for: Social housing allocations Within your authority (for all the time periods below), we would like to know how many social homes were allocated to young people aged between 16 and 24 (not including any children or other adults aged 16-24 included as part of a family).			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter 4: 1st January – 31st March 2023 • Quarter 4: 1st January – 31st March 2022 • Quarter 4: 1st January – 31st March 2019 • Annual total: 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 • Annual total: 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 • Annual total: 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019 			
		Please find this data for Question 3 included in response to Question 1			
		Additionally we would like to know what percentage of social housing was allocated to young people out of the total amount of social housing allocations	18.6% total out of all social housing allocations.		

462	24/05/2023	1. The average frequency with which you repaint the exterior of the homes that you own.	We do not hold a specific list of properties that require exterior painting and cannot accurately provide figures regarding frequency of repainting.
		2. The number of homes that you own that you repainted the exterior of in the financial year 2022/23.	180

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		3. The number of homes that you own that you repainted the exterior of in the financial year 2022/23 using graphene paint.	Qs 3-5: Sourcing data for specific types of paint per job would require staff time to manually check individual records, doing so would cause this request to fall outside the associated FOI cost limit, as per Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).
		4. The number of homes that you own that you repainted the exterior of in the financial year 2022/23 with fungicidal anti-damp paints other than graphene.	
		5. The number of homes that you own that you repainted the exterior of in the financial year 2022/23 using conventional paint.	
		6. The expenditure on repainting the exterior of the homes that you own in the financial year 2022/23 including (if recorded) a breakdown of the cost of paint, labour and scaffolding.	Total expenditure for 2022/23 was £98,149. Sourcing data for the breakdown of costs per job would require staff time to manually check individual records, doing so would cause this request to fall outside the associated FOI cost limit, as per Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).
		7. The expenditure on remedying or treating damp and/or mould in the homes that you own in the financial year 2022/23.	£184,128

465	08/06/2023	We would like to know the number of young people (aged 16 – 24) on the social housing waiting list during the full financial year and quarter 4 of the years 2023, 2022, and 2019.	The number of people on our waiting list is fluid as people join and leave it on a daily basis, because of this we cannot provide an accurate total for the financial year as this number fluctuates.	
			Date of Statistic	Number of people on waiting list age 16-24
			31/03/2019	1134
			31/03/2022	1087
			31/03/2023	1420

486	08/08/2023	How many council houses you had on your lists over the past ten calendar years. How many there were in each year, from 2012 to 2022.		
		The data that we hold for properties on our housing list is per financial year rather than calendar year, so figures commence and end in April.		
		All data we hold has been provided in the below table which accounts for all financial years in the specified range and those which overlap with 2012 and 2022.		
		Year	Number of houses on list	
		2011/2012	1633	
		2012/2013	1486	

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		2013/2014	1815
		2014/2015	1576
		2015/2016	1444
		2016/2017	1402
		2018/2019	1441
		2019/2020	1290
		2020/2021	1305
		2021/2022	1145
		2022/2023	1071

511	17/11/2023	<p>Can you please provide the number of Council owned properties that are rented out for social housing purposes?</p> <p>Can you please provide the revenue collected for financial year 2022-2023 for rental payments for social housing?</p> <p>Can you please provide the number of Council owned properties that are rented out for social housing purposes?</p> <p>17,991 properties are managed by Berneslai Homes for the purpose of providing social housing on behalf of Barnsley Council.</p> <p>Can you please provide the revenue collected for financial year 2022-2023 for rental payments for social housing?</p> <p>£73,143,422.69.</p>
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512	17/11/2023	<p>1. The total number of lock-up domestic garages owned by your council.</p> <p>2. The total number of these garages that are currently empty.</p> <p>3. The total number that are currently let to council estate residents.</p> <p>4. The total number that are let to non council estate residents.</p> <p>5. The estimated average total space in sq ft of all the council-owned garages.</p>	<p>716</p> <p>69 – available 190 – earmarked for demolition</p> <p>210 garages 86 garage plots</p> <p>247 garages 518 garage plots</p> <p>Collecting this data would involve manually checking records, as such this would exceed the cost limit for FOIs in terms of staff time, making this question exempt under the Freedom of Information Act section 12(1).</p>
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520	21/12/2023	<p>What is the total number of people currently living in social and council housing?</p> <p>17,604* tenants are living in council housing managed by Berneslai Homes - as of 11/12/23.</p> <p>*Please note that this total is for main tenants only, there is no requirement for tenants to update us of changes to their household after the point that the property is let, so we cannot measure an accurate running total for occupants of all of our properties.</p>
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	What is the total number of people currently living in social and council housing that are non-British citizens?																																														
	We do not centrally hold data regarding citizenship and nationality, however, we do hold the below data regarding ethnicity of main tenants. Please note that these statistics we hold for tenants are self-reported, and are not required to be shared with us, and may therefore not be an accurate statistical representation. 2,172 out of our total tenancies are reported as other ethnic backgrounds than: White English/Scottish/Northern Irish, Asian British, and Black British - as of 11/12/23.																																														
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524	22/12/2023	(1a) The number of social housing tenants currently living in temporary accommodation due to repairs being carried out on their social housing property
		18
		(1b) Of these, how many have been in temporary accommodation for 6 weeks or more, while repairs are undertaken?
		18 units/tenancies
		(2a) The number of social housing tenants currently in a hotel/b&b (ie any temporary accommodation with shared facilities or no kitchen) due to repairs being carried out on their social housing property
		None as of 19/12/2023
		(2b) Of these, how many have been in hotel/b&b for 6 weeks or more, while repairs are undertaken
		N/A

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526	21/12/2023	1) - The number of social/council housing premises in your council area which have a lead tenant who is a UK national - the number of social/council premises which have a lead tenant who is a foreign national	
		Geographic origin	Number of main tenants*
		Non UK	510
		UK National	10,451
		Unknown	6,669
		Total	17,630
		*As of 18/12/2023	
		2) - The total number of UK nationals who are occupants of social/council housing in your council area. - The total number of foreign nationals who are occupants of social/council housing in your council area.	
		Berneslai Homes do not collect household data, there is no requirement for tenants to update us of changes to their household after the point that the property is let, so we cannot measure an accurate running total for occupants of all of our properties.	

528	23/01/2024	<p>I'm requesting information on any rent-prediction or rent-gathering algorithms used by the council. Please provide me a list of tools, either in-house or through a third-party agent, the council uses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Analyse the cost of housing in the area•Predict a tenant's ability to pay rent•Facilitate a tenant paying their rent•A copy of the most recent risk assessment of any algorithms that are used <p>I would also like a copy of the most recent risk assessment of any algorithms that are used.</p> <p>The rent algorithm that Berneslai Homes have in place is called Rent Intelligence, this compiles information from our systems regarding rent. However, this is not a tool used for predictions, it does not analyse housing costs, but could facilitate a tenant paying their rent. The current tools do not require a risk assessment and do not presently have a risk assessment.</p>
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530	06/02/2024	I would like to know the number of people on the waiting list for social housing as of 31st January 2023.	
		9,247 applicants on the waiting list.	
		I would like to know the mean wait time for social housing in 2023 for each band: A, B and C. If the bands are not applicable then just the average overall.	
		Berneslai Homes has four separate priority bands numbered 1 to 4, with 1 being highest priority, and 4 being lowest priority. The average wait times for these bands are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band 1: 156 days • Band 2: 338 days • Band 3: 280 days • Band 4: 639 days 	

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		I would like to know many ex serviceman/veterans were on the waiting list as of 31st January 2023.
		5 applicants on the waiting list have stated their main reason for rehousing as being “leaving armed forces”, there may be more ex-service personnel on the housing register, but we do not currently collect this information.
		I would like to know how many women who were victims of domestic abuse were on the waiting list as of 31st January 2023 (this may be categorized as violence/abuse in current home)
		685 applicants on the waiting list have stated their main reason for rehousing as being “domestic abuse / violence”, there may be more effected people on the housing register, but we do not currently collect this information.

532	07/02/2024	How many people are in the bands: As of 25/01/24:
		Band 1: 250 Band 2: 916 Band 3: 695 Band 4: 3,667 Band 5: 160
		How long it's taking for each band to be rehomed: As of 25/01/24:
		Band 1: 245 days Band 2: 398 days Band 3: 312 days Band 4: 639 days Band 5: N/A (0 lets to band)

536	26/02/2024	Please could you tell me the locations of 3-bedroom temporary housing around Barnsley please
		There are six 3-bedroom properties that Barnsley Council use for temporary housing. We cannot disclose their locations due to the risk that Berneslai Homes could endanger the life of a resident if we revealed the locations of such properties. Under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, we have therefore applied Exemption Section 38, which provides an exemption from disclosing information held, that if doing so would or would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health or safety of any individual.

548	08/03/2024	1. How many households living in temporary accommodation in December 2023 were ineligible/disqualified to bid for permanent housing because of rent arrears?
		1 household.
		2. How many households identified in question 1 include at least one child under the age of 18 years old?
		0
		3. How many households identified in question 1 include at least one child who is two years-old or under?
		0
		4. How many households living in temporary accommodation in December 2023 were re-banded/deprioritised for permanent housing because of rent arrears?
		0
		5. How many households identified in question 4 include at least one child under the age of 18 years old?

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		0
		6. How many households identified in question 4 include at least one child who is two years-old or under?
		0

554	14/03/2024	1. How many council homes are currently owned by your local housing services
		17,966* council properties are managed by Berneslai Homes on behalf of Barnsley Council.
		2. How many council homes owned by your local housing services are occupied
		17,633*
		3. How many council homes owned by your local housing services are not occupied
		333*
		4. What the average length of time your council homes are unoccupied for
		151 days*
		We do advise that 27 of our properties have been void for more than 365 days, due to nature of works required, which has inflated this average.
		5. What is the longest amount of time a currently unoccupied council home has been unoccupied for
		1093 days*
		6. What reasons are given for why your council homes are not occupied
		<input type="checkbox"/> Properties are undergoing repair work <input type="checkbox"/> Properties are ready to let and awaiting offers or sign up with tenants <input type="checkbox"/> Properties are new builds or acquired properties awaiting handover to Berneslai Homes.
		*Information as of 19/02/2024. Berneslai Homes is an arms-length management organisation (ALMO) responsible for managing council housing on behalf of Barnsley Council.

560	19/03/2024	1. How large is the waiting list is for pitches on Smithies lane?
		7 applicants
		2. When was a pitch last available?
		Sep-23
		What is the turnover rate like? (ie is it 1-2 pitches a year, 1 every 5 years etc)
		2 available in the last 12 months

565	01/04/2024	How many residents live in the Savile Court complex?
		The number of properties Berneslai Homes manage at Savile Court are listed at 25. Berneslai Homes do not collect household data, there is no requirement for tenants to update us of changes to their household after the point that the property is let, so we cannot measure an accurate running total for occupants of those properties.