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582	03/05/2024	<p>How many vacant council homes, including void properties do you currently have to date?</p> <p>323 (as of 23.04.2024)</p> <p>How many of these properties have been vacant for longer than 3 months?</p> <p>222 (as of 23.04.2024)</p> <p>How many of these properties have been vacant for longer than 6 months?</p> <p>134 (as of 23.04.2024)</p> <p>How many of these properties have been vacant for longer than 1 year?</p> <p>30 (as of 23.04.2024)</p> <p>How many people do you currently have to date on your current council housing waiting list?</p> <p>5765 (as of 31.03.2024)</p> <p>How many homeless families and or individuals have you received from London boroughs (out of area rehousing) in the last 5 years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)</p> <p>None (information provided by Barnsley Council)</p> <p>2.C How many people that declared themselves homeless to your council in the last year, were not deemed a priority need and therefore were not accepted onto your council housing waiting list?</p> <p>The Council does not restrict people from joining the waiting list because they are not in priority need. Eligibility criteria to join the waiting list is publicly available here: https://www.berneslaihomes.co.uk/media/liljher/lettings-policy-april-2024.pdf (information provided by Barnsley Council)</p>
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589	21/05/2024	<p>Could you please tell me why so many houses are being left empty in Lundwood?</p> <p>As of 08/05/2024 there are 2 empty council properties in Lundwood. There are a further 2 properties “on notice” and will become empty in the next month.</p> <p>The properties currently empty are undergoing repair work prior to being relet and will be offered by the Choice Based Lettings system when ready.</p> <p>Could you please tell me why Barnsley people on the housing register are not being placed in these homes?</p> <p>These homes will be let via the Choice Based Lettings system to people on the waiting list. As we have had some delays to repair works on empty homes we typically do not offer properties until we have a good estimation of the date it will be ready for occupation, this is the same for all areas of Barnsley.</p> <p>Barnsley has an extensive housing list, could I see the refusals of Barnsley people rejecting these properties?</p> <p>Of these properties in Lundwood none have been refused.</p>
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Could I have the number of Barnsley residents waiting to be housed?

As of 08/05/24 there were 5,775 on the waiting list, 5,330 of these from Barnsley and 445 from outside Barnsley with an assessed local connection.

602	14/06/2024	1. Total Number of Homes: The total number of residential properties for which the Council holds the leasehold from 2016 to the present.		
		Financial Year	No. properties	Annual Revenue (£)
		2015-16	309	19578.95
		2016-17	315	32813.91
		2017-18	329	46176.39
		2018-19	335	42312.35
		2019-20	340	43137.09
		2020-21	339	36927.38
		2021-22	345	59959.35
		2022-23	348	45675.35
2023-24	350	68111.61		

609	21/06/2024	• What is the waiting list for social housing in your Local Authority for each financial year since 2015/16?	
		Year	Social housing waiting list length
		2015/16	6884
		2016/17	6759
		2017/18	6821
		2018/19	7232
		2019/20	8181
		2020/21	7400
		2021/22	8329
		2022/23	9779
2023/24	5765		
• What is the longest time (in days) that someone has been on your social housing waiting list as it stands?			
As of 12/06/2024 the longest length of time spent on the housing waiting list is 11,714 days.			
• What is your net loss or gain of the number of social homes in your Local Authority for each financial year since 2015/16?			
Year	Net loss / gain of social homes		
2015/16	-102		
2016/17	-114		
2017/18	-111		
2018/19	-107		
2019/20	-71		

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		2020/21	-65
		2021/22	-169
		2022/23	-99
		2023/24	-87

620	12/07/2024	<p>How many bungalows unallocated or empty throughout the borough?</p> <p>As of 03/07/24 Berneslai Homes have 102 bungalows which are empty (including those under offer and those empty but not allocated).</p>
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632	08/08/2024	<p>Number of vacant homes:</p> <p>As of 24/07/24 Berneslai Homes had a total of 396 empty council properties.</p>																						
		<p>Reasons for vacancy:</p> <p>Of our 396 vacant properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -89 are on offer to applicants, -21 are decant properties, -306 are awaiting void completion (routine void work, major works, and adaptations) 																						
		<p>Waiting list size:</p> <p>As of 24/07/24 Berneslai Homes had 5720 Applicants on the waiting list.</p>																						
		<p>Waiting list length:</p> <p>We have provided an average for available data from 2015/16 to 2023/24 financial years for the number of people on our waiting list, as no timeframe has been provided to otherwise calculate an average for our waiting list.</p>																						
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650	23/08/2024	<p>“The Areas of Temporary Housing Accommodations in Barnsley”</p> <p>We cannot disclose their localities 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</p>
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666	28/10/2024	<p>How many Berneslai Homes in the Rockingham ward are empty on 1st October 2024?</p> <p>In Rockingham ward there were 22 empty properties.</p>										
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667	29/10/2024	<p>Average waiting time for homeless applicants on the housing register in priority banding.</p> <p>The average number of days for an applicant with homeless priority on the housing register to be rehoused is 115 days.</p> <p>This average is based on data collected from this financial year (2024/2025) until the 25th October 2024.</p>
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		2022/23	7	2													
		2023/24	27	7													
		Total	34	23													
		<p>2. The number of these homes currently available for occupancy.</p> <p>0 of the above properties are currently available for occupancy as of 22/10/2024.</p>															
		<p>3. The council’s target for the number of homes to be completed per year during this period.</p> <p>There is not a specific annual target for council housing delivery for Berneslai Homes and Barnsley Council.</p>															

681	28/11/2024	<p>1. The number of applicants on your council housing waiting list by property type:</p>
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- Accessible property –

We do not record this information centrally and therefore cannot report on this data for an FOI Request.

- 1-bed property

- 2-bed property

- 3-bed property

- 4-bed property

- 5+ bed property

Information is produced as of 19th November 2024 and shows the number of applicants per minimum bedroom requirements and designation by priority banding.

Minimum bedrooms required inc. designation	Number of applicants per Band			
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4
Minimum 1 bedroom requirement. General needs.	47	84	153	1353
Minimum 1 bedroom requirement. Elderly or medical need.	22	217	207	466
Minimum 2 bedroom requirement. General needs.	40	170	204	979
Minimum 2 bedroom requirement. Elderly or medical need.	7	70	44	76
Minimum 3 bedrooms requirement. General needs.	15	153	101	454

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Minimum 3 bedrooms requirement. Elderly or medical need.	3	23	11	21
Minimum 4 bedroom requirement. General need.	7	83	25	145
Minimum 4 bedroom requirement. Medical or elderly.	4	9	1	11

2. The average waiting time for each property type listed below:

- Accessible property
- 1-bed property
- 2-bed property
- 3-bed property
- 4-bed property
- 5+ bed property

Information is produced as of 19th November 2024 and shows the number of days waiting across all priority bands by number of bedrooms, this data is based off lettings made between April 2024 and November 2024.

Please note that priority housing applicants will be housed sooner than the average number, see table in answer to question 3 for average wait time per priority band.

No. of bedrooms	Average number of days
Accessible property	Data not available
1 to 2 bedroom houses	280 days
3 bedrooms houses	233 days
4+ bedroom houses	466 days
1 bed bungalow	314 days
2 bed bungalow	542 days
3 bed bungalow	698 days
1 bed lower flat	291 days

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		1 bed upper flat	311 days																				
		2 bed lower flat	248 days																				
		2 bed upper flat	517 days																				
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<p>3. If possible, please provide additional insights or typical ranges for waiting times based on priority needs or location preferences. If this information is unavailable in full, kindly provide partial or approximate data along with any relevant explanations for the limitations.</p> <p>The below table shows the average wait time per priority band from April 2024 to October 2024.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Band</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Number of lets April to October 2024/25</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Average wait time in days</th> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Band 1</td> <td>208</td> <td>135</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td> <td>117</td> <td>470</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td> <td>26</td> <td>656</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Band 4</td> <td>36</td> <td>814</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Band	Number of lets April to October 2024/25	Average wait time in days		Band 1	208	135		Band 2	117	470		Band 3	26	656		Band 4	36	814	
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690	18/12/2024	<p>Please confirm how many council/social houses that the council currently holds.</p> <p>As of 02/12/2024 Berneslai Homes manages 17948 properties on behalf of Barnsley Council.</p>	
		<p>Please also confirm how many of these properties are allocated to Refugee tenants.</p> <p>Berneslai Homes does not record information relating to immigration status, only rehousing reasons. Refugees and asylum seekers would be classified as “homeless” on our systems so we cannot provide statistics specific to your request.</p>	

691	24/12/2024	<p>How many Berneslai Homes in the Rockingham ward are empty on 1st December 2024?</p> <p>As of December 2024 there have been 23 empty properties in the Rockingham Ward.</p>	
		<p>How many applicants are on the waiting list in the Rockingham ward at Berneslai homes in each</p>	

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band on the 1st December 2024?

As of December 2024 the following number have been on the Housing Register for the Rockingham Ward by priority band.

Band	Number
Band 1	9
Band 2	34
Band 3	63
Band 4	194

How many Berneslai Homes in the borough are empty on 1st December 2024?

As of December 2024 there have been 301 empty properties across the borough.