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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ04921**

Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your request for information relating to Domestic Violence.

You have requested the following information:

1) How much money has been spent by your Council on domestic violence refuge services in each of the last five financial years?

Coventry City Council commissions a number of units of domestic abuse refuge accommodation. This provision is currently funded via:

- A contract with a provider to deliver domestic abuse-related support to victims living in refuge accommodation
- Contributions from Housing Benefit to cover housing, housing management and housing maintenance costs for domestic abuse refuge accommodation.

The contract values for the following years were:

a. 2013-14

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

b. 2014-15.

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c. 2015-16.

£485,000.

d. 2016-17.

£485,000.

e. 2017-18.

£485,000.

Please note that we do not hold the information regarding spend from Housing Benefit contributions and are therefore advising you as per section 1(1) of the Act.

2) How many individual domestic violence refuge spaces are there currently in your local authority area?

Coventry City Council directly commission 54 units. There are a number of other units (approximately 20 units) which are provided within the city and funded by other organisations and charitable donations.

3) How many domestic violence refuge spaces in your local authority area are currently accessible to people with physical disabilities?

Coventry City Council directly commissions 54 units, including a minimum of 3 which are to be wheelchair accessible. Accommodation is flexible to accommodate other disabilities, including provision for personal assistance.

4) How many people applied for a domestic violence refuge space in your local authority area during each of the last five financial years:

a. 2013-14

b. 2014-15

c. 2015-16

d. 2016-17

e. 2017-18

Please see the table below:

	Victims taken onto refuge caseload	Victims referred to refuge caseload
2013-14	Unavailable – previous contracts	Unavailable – previous contracts
2014-15	31 (Q4 only)	
2015-16	120	
2016-17	123	144 (Q3 and 4 only)
2017-18	124	396 (full year)

- Please note that current domestic abuse refuge provision commenced in October 2015.
- Data relevant to previous providers is not available and hence the first full quarter of data is Q4 2014/15.

- Please note the number of referrals prior to Q3 2016/17 is unavailable. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

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Yours sincerely

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