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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05876**

Thank you for your request for information relating to housing for military veterans.

You have requested the following information:

1. In each of the last 5 years, what was the total expenditure on housing for military veterans who have been made homeless and have sought assistance from the local authority?

We do not currently monitor homeless members of the armed forces separately to the rest of the homeless cohort. Therefore we are unable to provide any figures on spending for them alone and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

2. In each of the last 5 years, what was the total expenditure from homelessness services, including specific amounts for the Housing Revenue Account?

We can confirm that this information is publicly available, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing>.

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

3.What data does the local authority collect to identify and address the specific needs of military veterans?

There is a tick box criteria on our homeless application form to identify members of the armed forces. We currently give priority to members of the armed forces on our social allocations system Coventry Homefinder. Data about members of armed forces who come through our housing service is also used when we conduct ECA's (Equality Consultation Analysis) whenever we introduce a new strategy or policy. Our homeless prevention team will also work with charities related to the armed forces if a member comes through the service.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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