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Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to male asylum seekers.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many males in total, by country, between the ages of 10 & 50 were granted asylum and documented as living in Coventry, since January 2009 to present day:

- **Somalia**
- **Albania**
- **Pakistan**
- **Iran**
- **Iraq**
- **Syria**
- **Afghanistan**
- **Nigeria**
- **Zimbabwe**

2. How many males in total, by country (as above), between the ages of 16 & 60 are documented as currently residing in Coventry, that have an asylum request pending.

3. How many of those granted asylum, by country (as above), have known criminal records (of any seriousness) in their native countries and are currently documented as residing in Coventry.

The granting of asylum in the United Kingdom is a matter reserved to the national government. The United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI) service is the relevant division of the Home Office and it is they who receive, consider and determine applications for asylum in the UK.

Whilst Coventry is a voluntary asylum dispersal area under the Immigration and Asylum Act (1999), the City Council is not involved in either the granting of asylum or support for asylum seekers whilst their applications are being considered. Similarly, the disclosure of any criminal records would be to UKVI and would not be shared with the City Council.

The City Council receives periodic summaries from the Home Office describing the asylum seeker population resident in the City but does not currently hold any of the information as requested in this FOI request and are therefore informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its [FOI/EIR Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours sincerely

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