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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
 Request ID: REQ05420**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Disabled Accessibility.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- **Between 2009 and 2019, how much was spent in total on improving disabled accessibility, including wheelchair access, in the local area? Please provide a cumulative total, as well as a year-by-year breakdown.**

The information you have requested, is not recorded by the Council in the format that you have requested. Furthermore, we do not hold data going back to 2009 as Coventry City Council operated a different financial system at this time and which we no longer hold the data. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

However, in order to assist you, we can provide the following information relating to traffic:

Work Order(T)	Financial year				Grand Total
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
Dropped Kerbs - Ped Disabled Bays/APs	29,404.60	66,453.50	89,504.63		185,362.73
	24,867.03	16,297.29	39,859.65	2,280.00	83,303.97
	54,271.63	82,750.79	129,364.28	2,280.00	268,666.70

We can also provide an estimate of disability access via the following works which commenced in year 2018/19 as part of highway development schemes:

CAPITAL FOOTWAY SCHEMES 2018/19

- 14 disability accesses @ £2k each = £28,000

WHITEFRIARS SCHEMES 2018/19

- 22 disability accesses (not including Manor Farm) @ £2k each = £44,000

Therefore, capital footways for 10 years £280,000 and Whitefriars for 5 years £220,000.

The total estimate is £500,000 and 250 disability accesses.

• How much budget have you assigned to improve disabled accessibility in the 2019/2020 financial year?

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because there is no specific budget for disabled accessibility.

• What plans do you have to improve disabled accessibility within the local area in 2019/2020 and beyond?

We can confirm that we hold information on disabled access to Coventry buildings which can be found at the following link:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/29412/disabled_access_to_coventry_buildings

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

• How many accessibility complaints did you receive between January 1st 2018 and December 31st 2018?

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

It is not possible to determine if the complaints held on our systems are mobility related without going into individual records and therefore it would take in excess of the time period to retrieve and compile this information.

This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

- **How many people identify as having a disability within your region?**

Coventry City Council does not record this information and therefore we are advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act that we do not hold this information.

Disability estimates are available from the Office of National Statistics:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

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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.

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Yours faithfully

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