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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06272**

Thank you for your request for information relating to homelessness.

You have requested the following information:

**1. What was the number of people found to be rough sleeping in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 – 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.

We do not differentiate the numbers of rough sleepers from other homeless customers and it would therefore necessitate a manual check of each record to obtain this information, which we estimate would take over 18 hours to collate.

Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we can provide an annual figure through the rough sleeper count

which takes place annually. The count takes place on one night a year and provides a snapshot of the rough sleeping picture in an area. The figures can be found via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics>

**2. What was the number of people found to be homeless in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 to 2018?**

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Ministry of Housing website, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics>

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

**3. How much was spent by the council on schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2018?**

Please note that this information is recorded in financial years not calendar years.

For the financial years prior 2013/14 we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We no longer hold this data due to our retention and disposal policy.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Spend</b>
2013/14	£786k
2014/15	£830k
2015/16	£732k
2016/17	£687k
2017/18	£651k

**4. How much was spent by the council on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2018?**

**5. How much was spent by the council from Government grants on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010-2018?**

For questions 4 and 5 we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Coventry has just launched Housing First in this financial year, 2019/20, therefore there was no spend on housing first style schemes for the years requested.

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

Yours sincerely

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