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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06287**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Section 202 and 204 Housing Act 1996.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many decisions has your authority made in the last three years, from 2015/16 to 2018/19, under Section 202 Housing Act 1996 that contained an outcome adverse to the applicant?**

This information has not been consistently captured in the time period requested, however, we can provide the figures since 24 October 2018 of which there were 9 decisions.

- 2. How many Section 204 Housing Act 1996 appeals have been issued in the county courts against decisions made by your authority in the last three years, from 2015/16 to 2018/19?**

We do not hold the information in the format requested. However, in order to assist we can provide the information by calendar year.

Year	Appeals Issued
2015	1
2016	1

2017	6
2018	1
2019	0

a. How many of those Section 204 Housing Act 1996 appeals were issued by litigants in person who did not have legal representatives at the time of issuing?

None.

i. How many of those litigants in person subsequently acquired legal representation before the hearing of the appeal?

None.

ii. How many of those litigants in person were provided with temporary accommodation by your authority pending the outcome of the homeless review?

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iii. How many of those litigants in person were provided with temporary accommodation by your authority pending the outcome of their appeal?

None.

b. What was the outcome of those Section 204 Housing Act 1996 appeals issued by litigants in person?

N/A.

c. How many of those Section 204 Housing Act 1996 were issued by litigants who had legal representation?

All Section 204's were issued by litigants with legal representation.

d. What was the outcome of those Section 204 Housing Act 1996 appeals issued by litigants who had legal representation?

Year	Outcome
2015	1 Appeal Dismissed, as Coventry City Council offered suitable accommodation
2016	1 Appeal Withdrawn – Coventry City Council to consider further review
2017	1 Appeal Refused. 2 Appeal Dismissed and temporary secure accommodation provided until further review.

	<p>1 Appeal Dismissed, appellant accepted accommodation from a third-party organisation.</p> <p>1 Appeal Dismissed Coventry City Council to carry out a further review of the Homelessness Application.</p> <p>1 Appeal Dismissed as housing provided by Coventry City Council.</p>
2018	1 Appeal dismissed and Coventry City Council reinstate Homelessness Duty.
2019	0

e. For those appeals which did not proceed to final hearing, how many of those were withdrawn by the applicant, and how many were withdrawn or settled as a result of your authority's Housing Department agreeing to quash the decision under appeal and reconsider the matter?

None reached Final Hearing stage.

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Yours sincerely

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