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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06427**

Thank you for your request for information relating to medical assessments in homelessness and housing applications.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide data for qus 1-3: Broken down by year, for each year from 2011 to 2018 AND for 2019 up to 31/03/19... (ie, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 up to 31/03/19)

1. If possible: How many medical assessment cases for homelessness or housing applications has the Council undertaken? (Broken down by year).

We do not use independent advisors to assess medical applications. We will, when appropriate use our occupational therapy service or our officers will make decisions based on medical professionals supporting the applicant. Currently, as of 2nd December 2019, we have 382 households on our choice-based lettings scheme (Coventry Homefinder) assessed with a medical priority.

We can confirm that for the other dates specified we do not hold this information and are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because our reporting system does not allow for historical reporting.

2. Of these assessments, how many has the company NowMedical advised on? (Broken down by year)

We can confirm that we currently do not use Now Medical. With regards to the other dates specified we do not hold this information and are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because our reporting system does not allow for historical reporting.

3. For each year, how much was paid to NowMedical?

For years 2011/12 and 2012/13, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The information is not available due to a change in the finance system and the information has not been retained.

We can confirm that the Council payments to Now Medical in the following years is as follows:

2013/14 - £210

2014/15 - £85

2015/16 - Nil

2016/17 - Nil

2017/18 – Nil

4. When does the Council's current contract with NowMedical run to?

We are not currently in any contract with Now Medical.

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Yours sincerely

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