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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06571**

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

You have requested the following information:

**1. Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, please can you tell me how many of the looked after child asylum seekers that were in the council's care on 30th November 2019 had at some point previously spent time on the main adult asylum seeker scheme?**

**If you are able to, please break the number down into:**

**a. Those who have now been accepted as children?**

Due to the low number of cases involved (less than five), we are unable to provide a breakdown of the figures to show the number of individuals now accepted as children as it could be used to identify the individuals involved.

Therefore, this information is exempt under section 40 (2) of the FOIA. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act.

This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 ("DPA") as:

*(2) "personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))"*

*(3) "Identifiable living individual" means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –*

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or*

*(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual."*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

This is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest.

**b. Those who have claimed to be children and are being treated as children while their claim to be a child is assessed?**

There are no individuals being treated as children whilst their claim is being assessed.

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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](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

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

Yours sincerely

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