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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06840**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's Social Care and unregulated accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

1.How many looked-after children that your local authority is responsible for are currently living in unregulated, semi-independent living accommodation;

As at 31 January 2020, 55 looked after children aged 16 or over, were placed in supported accommodation.

2.Of those children identified in (1), how many were placed into unregulated accommodation because a place in a registered children's home was not immediately available;

3.Of those children identified in (2), how many have been waiting (a) more than one year; (b) more than two years; (c) more than five years for a place in a registered children's home to become available.

With regards to Questions 2 and 3, we hold the information which you have asked for, however 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.

The data is not held in a reportable format and therefore to answer these questions, an officer will need to individually examine each social care record for 55 children (as provided in Question 1). We have estimated that this manual trawl will exceed 18 hours work.

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

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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

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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