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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ07301**

Thank you for your request for information relating to moving onto the next phase of accommodating rough sleepers.

You have requested the following information:

**1. We would be grateful if you would provide us with a copy of your authority's 'initial plan' (i.e. the plan that your authority set out by 11 June, or any later date if relevant, in line with the request made in letter). We would like to receive this plan in whatever form it took.**

In response to your request, please find attached document. You will note that some of the information contained has been removed (redacted). 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."*  
*(c)*

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.

**2. We would also be grateful if you would provide us with any updates your authority may have made to its plan since 11 June.**

We are finalising plans to submit funding bids for the MHCLG Next Steps Accommodation Funding.

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For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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)

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

## Rough Sleeper Next Steps and Recovery: Initial Plan

This document is designed to assist with Next Steps planning for those who have been accommodated in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The document asks for information on;

- Cohort size and needs,
- Proposals for interim and move on accommodation
- Where existing resource can fund move-on options (e.g. Rough Sleeping Initiative (RS) Year 3)

### Glossary

1. **Emergency COVID-19 accommodation (EA)** – hotels or other temporary accommodation acquired since 18 March in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and which has a time-limited availability.
2. **Temporary accommodation (TA)** –Accommodation available as Council TA or newly secured on a temporary basis (e.g. YHA, student halls etc) which you anticipate will continue to be available beyond the ‘lockdown’ period
3. **Short/medium term accommodation** – accommodation which is suitable for short to medium-term occupation whilst move on accommodation is procured e.g student accommodation, Council TA, supported exempt accommodation, caravans, property guardianships.
4. **Move-on accommodation** – accommodation which is suitable for longer-term residence) e.g. supported housing with move on, private rental sector (PRS), council lettings, RP lettings, return to family/friends.

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY: Coventry</b>	
Name	
Email	
Please state all local authorities included if responding on behalf of a joint RSI allocation	
Date 2/6/2020	
<b>1. Current Cohort</b>	
a. Please provide the number of single people currently in emergency accommodation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (see glossary above).	93
b. Where you have concerns regarding emergency accommodation that will not be available for as long as you would need it, please set this out, indicating the number of individuals affected and any end dates of concern.	The self contained unit that currently accommodates 44 rough sleepers/single homeless people has been refurbished to accommodate homeless families and will need to close on 31/07/20. This will create additional pressure if move on isn't expedited
c. Please provide the number of single people currently in Temporary Accommodation (TA) in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (see glossary above).	8
d. Of the people in accommodation how many do you estimate will need the following types of accommodation and support to move on	
i. Housing First/Supported Housing with intensive support	12

II. Supported housing or housing led with floating support	19
III. PRS/social housing tenancy with start-up floating support	33
IV. Assistance to reconnect to family and friends/return home	1
NB – 2 individuals are not included in above numbers – 1 will be returning to prison 1 is in accommodation under covid however will not engage / sign/ provide required info ect	
e. Of the people in accommodation how many do you estimate:	
I. Are EEA nationals with no access to public funds	19
II. Other Non UK Nationals with no recourse to public funds by condition of their immigration status?-	17
Note :Extensive work is being carried out with support from CRMC/ CLC with both EEA nationals and failed asylum seekers to resolve their status issues. The current barriers including lack of ID are being addressed and we are confident that a number of individuals will acquire status and/ or be housed via section 4 home offices funding (8 current applications)	
2 have new section 4 status	
f. Of the people accommodated how many will require self-contained accommodation because they are at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19, some of whom will be <a href="#">clinically extremely vulnerable</a> and must continue to be shielded?	None of the individuals accommodated under Covid 19 received a shielding letter, 14 people were housed in self contained units due to serious health condition in line with PH Guidance
g. Is your answer to f. above an estimate or based on completed assessments?	Yes
<b>2. Please set out your move on plans. Please make clear options that are already in place, those that are being developed and those which you propose to develop. State types of accommodation and numbers.</b>	
<b>Short/medium-term accommodation units</b>	<b>NUMBER of UNITS</b>
Units you have or in development, and when expected to be available	
Over 25s – commissioned services – In place <b>50 direct access beds as part of the commissioned complex needs service</b> <b>50 supported accommodation beds up to 2 years</b> <b>52 ex offenders beds</b>	Total - 152 commissioned
<b>Beds are allocated as they become available however all voids will be utilised to accommodate either rough sleepers or single people in temporary accommodation who require supported accommodation – currently 5 voids as being held as isolation rooms.</b>	

<p>Turnover is approximately 5/6 per month</p> <p>Under 25s</p> <p>30 direct access beds ( up to 3 months )</p> <p>30 supported accommodation beds ( up to 2 years)</p> <p>CRMC – Provision for EU Nationals- 2 x 4 bed properties to work with individuals for up to 12 weeks to establish status and move them on .</p> <p>Non- commissioned</p> <p>Cyrenians - 121 beds supported exempt accommodation for single homeless people (already accommodated 4 individuals from hotels – all vacancies will be offered to meet the needs of Covid co-hort)</p> <p>Helping hands ( alcohol dependency ) -6</p> <p>Gateway – 67 (non-commissioned low level support – no current voids commitment to work with CCC )</p> <p>TSA 22 additional bed spaces not covered by the contract – will be accessible to rough sleepers</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Coventry Foyer is a YP provision operated by Midland heart , we have not considered the numbers in terms of move on for Covid as the criteria is for low needs individuals only who are actively involved in education</p> <p>Farmcote Lodge is new provision being opened by St Basils – the planned opening date was October 2020 due to Covid -19 this has been delayed – once this provision is open we will have an additional 22 bed spaces available</p>	<p>60 commissioned</p> <p>Maximum of 24 bed spaces in 12 month period</p> <p>216 Units</p>
<p>Please set out your proposals for delivering additional short/medium term accommodation units</p> <p>Re-purpose existing provision with in The Salvation Army, Harnall Lighthouse to provide additional emergency (48-72 hour max) self-contained accommodation in replacement of 20 RS pop up beds. Numbers to be agreed following surveys/architect views etc estimated 6 –8 rooms</p> <p>Langer Aid Land – explore short term transitional accommodation options (pods/ modules) 6/ 12 week stay to work intensively with individuals and prepare them for next steps. Estimated 12 Units which will be self-contained in terms of sleeping and washing facilities.</p> <p>Discussions with the Coventry night shelter (peace house) regarding re purposing downstairs to make self-contained units and or looking at acquisition of alternative buildings.</p>	
<p><b>Move-on accommodation</b></p>	<p>NUMBER of UNITS</p>
<p>Units you have or in development and when expected to be available</p>	
<p><b>As above – part of commissioned services.</b></p>	
<p>Please set out your proposals for delivering additional move on accommodation units</p>	

<p>Develop exempt supported accommodation as an option for those who need support / not tenancy ready – work with RSLs to look to deliver approximately 100 units for over 25 s and 25 units for under 25s</p> <p>Purchase and develop a single site facility that has single dwelling spaces for up to 16 individuals for 6/ 12months maximum stay. The facility will have an additional space that can be used as a hub/ assessment / activity space to support individuals to gain tenancy skills/ employment skills and work with professionals to address complex needs .</p> <p>A key issue in the city is that due to being a non stock holding council the ability to flex housing stock to provide an option for rough sleepers isn't available. Therefore we want to explore the purchase 1-bed flats (possibly ex RTB stock) in partnership with an RP with a commitment for it to be used to house rough sleepers on a 30-year life cycle for RS / HF</p> <p>Also need to give further consideration to accessing PRS through rapid rehousing</p>	
<p><b>Other accommodation options</b></p> <p>How many do you estimate will be reconnected to friends/family or other support networks</p> <p>1</p> <p>How many do you estimate will be reconnected to friends/family or other support networks outside the UK, through international reconnection?</p> <p>2</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>
<p>What are the additional support or other services associated with the above accommodation plans (e.g. floating or on-site support, admin, any other accommodation related services)</p>	
<p>Additional floating support with specialism for the exempt supported accommodation provision -including substance misuse , MH , sex worker/ complex needs.</p> <p>Specialist on site support provided in the transitional accommodation and the proposed move on provision with a focus on complex needs. Hub/ one stop shop model with staff on site and other services present on a drop in / advice basis.</p>	
<p><b>3. Existing funding that Could Assist with Next Steps</b></p>	
<p>We are aware that some RSI Y3 projects may have been delayed from starting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please list name and type of intervention(s) set out in your MOU that are not commenced / delayed (estimate no. months delayed)</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>We are aware that some RSI Y3 projects may now be undeliverable or no longer appropriate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. List name and type of intervention(s) set out in your MOU that are now undeliverable/in appropriate</p>	<p>Nurse post re modelled – additional outreach worker recruited</p>
<p>Estimate the total amount of RSI funding from April 2020 – March 2021 that could be repurposed to accommodating and supporting people who were placed in emergency COVID-19 accommodation.</p>	<p>None – current funding will be used as originally detailed as part of accommodating those placed under covid .</p>
<p>Estimate the total amount from other funding streams which could be used to accommodate and support people who were placed in emergency COVID-19 emergency accommodation.</p>	<p>CCC have applied for the suggested £17.5k from Governments £3.2 million national grant to accommodate R/S at the outset of the pandemic. Government has also stated councils should utilise an element of the £3.2 billion funding it has given to local government to deal with Covid 19. This pot is under significant pressure and does not meet the additional costs identified.</p>