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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ7420**

Thank you for your recent request for information. Your request has been considered under the above Act.

You have requested the following information:

Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board

1.Does the Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board have a strategy in place to address the health consequences of cold homes, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)?

Fuel poverty features as part of the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021. This strategy is developed by the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Committee who report to the Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.Has the Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board commissioned a single-point-of-contact health and housing referral service to help vulnerable people who live in cold homes, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)?

Yes

3.Does the Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board have procedures or policies in place to ensure primary health and home care practitioners assess the heating needs of people who use their services at least once a year, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)?

The commissioned single point of contact referral service is commissioned to support health and care practitioners to refer into the service.

4.Does the Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board record or audit compliance with the recommendation referenced in question 3 among primary health and home care practitioners?

No

5.Does the Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board have procedures or policies in place to ensure that, when a patient is discharged from a health or social care setting, an assessment is carried out into whether they are likely to be vulnerable to the cold and if action is needed to make their home warm enough for them to return to, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)?

The needs of individuals are assessed by hospital discharge teams, who are very familiar with being able to contact our single point of contact service, should support be needed. They are key partners who have been engaged with as part of the development of a network of health and care referral partners

6.Does the Coventry Council Health and Wellbeing Board record or audit compliance with the recommendation referenced in question 5?

No

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Yours sincerely

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