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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07736**

Thank you for your request for information on offences under housing legislation.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. For each of the past five financial years:

a. How many cases has the Council recorded of allegations of offences under the Protection from Eviction Act 1977?

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020
629	174	154	148	92

b. How many successful prosecutions has the Council brought of landlords or agents committing offences under the Protection from Eviction Act 1977?

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020
0	1	0	0	0

2. In what year did the Council last apply for information about properties in the area that are associated with a protected tenancy deposit under Section 128 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016?

2020.

3. What is the Council's most recent estimate of the number of private rented homes there were in the area, and in what year was this estimate made?

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. To assist, the Office of National Statistics (ONS) reported in 2015 that there were an estimated 34,326 households in the PRS in Coventry.

4. How many people does the Council employ to enforce:

a. The Protection from Eviction Act 1977?

None.

b. The Housing Act 2004?

12 people.

5. How many enforcement notices did the Council serve in 2019-20 relating to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards?

None.

6. How many private rented homes without the appropriate license did the council identify in 2019-20?

None.

7. How many prosecutions did the Council pursue in 2019-20 for offences relating to:

a. Mandatory licensing of HMOs?

None.

b. Discretionary licensing of houses?

None.

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Yours faithfully

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