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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07843**

Thank you for your request for information relating to homeless deaths.

You have requested the following information:

Please can I request the number of deaths from 1st January 2020 – 20th November 2020 (inclusive) in each of the following accommodation types commissioned by your council:

- 1.Accommodation for homeless people, including hostels and supported accommodation for people identified as rough sleeping or with a history of rough sleeping**
- 2.Temporary accommodation commissioned by the local authority**
- 3.Supported accommodation for homeless young people**

Please can this include the cause of death or suspected cause of death, date of death, and the person's age when they died.

Due to the low number of cases involved, we are unable to provide a breakdown of the figures as it could be used to identify the individuals involved. Furthermore we are not routinely sent information from the coroner regarding the cause of death. Therefore the information we hold may not be accurate.

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.

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

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 faithfully

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