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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ08005**

Thank you for your request for information relating to self-isolation payments administered by Councils.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

**I was hoping you could help with a freedom of information request regarding the self-isolation payments administered by councils. As of 6th January 2021:**

**1. How many self-isolation payments have been made?**

We can advise that 382 self-isolation payments have been made.

**2. How many of these were discretionary?**

97 of these were discretionary

**3. How many applications have been received for:**

**a. The main payment**

457 applications

**b. The discretionary payment?**

506 applications

Please note there are still outstanding applications yet to be assessed up to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Until these are assessed we cannot specifically say if they fall under the discretionary or main scheme.

#### **4. What eligibility criteria has been used for the discretionary payment?**

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Council's website using the following link, using discretionary payments:

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/34209/test\\_and\\_trace\\_support\\_payment\\_discretionary\\_scheme\\_-\\_october\\_2020](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/34209/test_and_trace_support_payment_discretionary_scheme_-_october_2020)

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

#### **5. How much funding was given for the main payment and how much has been used so far?**

We can advise that the funding allocated is £185,500. The funding spent so far is £142,500.

#### **6. How much funding was given for the discretionary payment and how much has been used so far?**

We can advise that the funding received is £111,318, The funding spent so far is £48,500

#### **7. How many of those who have received a self-isolation payment were:**

##### **a. In work?**

All applicants need to be working and have a reduction in income due to self- isolating.

##### **b. Receiving benefits?**

285: this is part of the criteria for the main scheme.

##### **c. Had no recourse to public funds?**

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Council does not record 'no recourse to public funds' separately.

#### **8. Is there a breakdown of those who have received payments by gender, age and ethnicity?**

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because we do not hold or record this information on our systems.

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Yours faithfully

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