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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ08068**

Thank you for your request for information on Housing Benefit.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Please advise the rent threshold levels at which you consider accommodation which is supported to be unreasonably expensive and therefore subject to restriction.

There is no "rent threshold". All cases are looked at independently and Information is considered in relation to rents, client groups, level of care support or supervision required, geographical location and several other factors.

2. Please provide weekly Housing Benefit eligible rent levels paid for all supported accommodation in the Borough (and clarify if these are supported but not exempt and supported exempt). If possible, please could you show the total/gross weekly rent split between the core rent, eligible and ineligible service charges. You should be able to produce this as a business objects SEA report however if not could you provide the highest supported and supported exempt HB eligible rent, and core rent that you pay (we are looking to ensure our rents stay below market thresholds).

Highest weekly eligible rent for supported exempt accommodation is £370.61.

Highest weekly eligible rent for specified (not exempt) accommodation is £196.60.

Just because these are the highest eligible rents it does not mean they reflect average

market thresholds. As explained in the answer to Q1 these rents will reflect several factors in respect of the individual accommodation.

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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

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

Yours faithfully

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