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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI325753832

Thank you for your request for information relating to Discretionary Housing Payments made in 2019/20.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request concerning your Council's expenditure on Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for the 2019/20 financial year.

I am aware some information on DHPs is submitted to the Department for Work & Pensions in its analysis of End of Year returns from local authorities. This includes the total number of awards, DHP financial expenditure and Government contribution original allocation. These monitoring returns provide details of the purpose of the DHP award, such as to secure and move to alternative accommodation and rental costs, split by the welfare form for which households have been affected.

What is not included in this information is the amount and value of DHPs applied for which are not awarded, or if only partial amounts are given. I am requesting this information, as detailed in Table 1 below, and also request splits of this data by the age band of the

claimant. If possible, please can the figures just for those where the claimant is aged between 16 and 30 be provided.

Separately, I am requesting information on your Council's use of rent guarantee schemes: these are typically used to help people facing homelessness by providing a written guarantee to the landlord to cover any unpaid rent/damage. The information I require is written below, but also in a Table 2:

- **Total amount of rent guarantees issued in 2019/20**
- **How many rent guarantees were issued to care leavers**
- **Age bands of those issued rent guarantees**

For Table 1, please see the attached document*.

*Where fields are annotated * this information is not recorded and we are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. For example, the Council only records whether an award is made or not. Any "partial" awards would be recorded as an award. Additionally, we do not record declined reasons by the categories requested.

For Table 2, please see the table below for the rent guarantees issued under the Let's Rent Coventry scheme in 2019/20. To assist further, more information on the scheme can be found on the Council's website on the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/letsrentcoventry>

	Total	Care leavers	Not care leavers	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	≤30
Rent guarantees issued	29	0	29	5	6	10	6	2		
Rent guarantees declined										

We also confirm that the Council does not have a rent guarantee scheme specific to care leavers.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

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.

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

Yours faithfully

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Table 1: DHP applications: Financial year 2019/20

		TOTAL	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	≤30
Total number of DHP applications	Successful	1155	106	309	321	249	145	25	239
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	1635							
	TOTAL	2790							
Total value of DHP applications (£)	Successful	1,155,913	82,188	341,344	338,585	228,034	122,579	22,826	214,137
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	-							
	TOTAL	1,155,913							
Total number of DHP applications to help secure and move to alternative accommodation (eg rent deposit)	Successful	361	55	119	94	65	22	6	106
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL								
Total value of DHP applications to help secure and move to alternative accommodation (eg rent deposit) (£)	Successful	245,591	22,986	88,402	74,831	47,885	11,547	2,567	52,588
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	245,591							
Total number of DHP applications to with short term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation	Successful	16	1	4	3	4	3	1	3
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	*							

Total value of DHP applications to help with short term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation (£)	Successful	21,365	2,360	9,687	4,588	3,791	3,047	2,346	9,103
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	21,365							
Total number of DHP applications to help with short term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment	Successful	11	0	0	5	3	3	0	0
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	*							
Total value of DHP applications to help with short term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment (£)	Successful	7,549	0	0	1,084	1,125	1,156	0	0
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	7,549							
Total number of DHP applications to help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation	Successful	8	0	2	1	2	3	0	0
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	*							
Total value of DHP applications to help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation (£)	Successful	7,539	0	2,460	1,078	528	3,472	0	0
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	7,539							

Total number of DHP applications to help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer	Successful	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	*							
Total value of DHP applications to help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer (£)	Successful	800	0	0	0			0	
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	800				150	650	0	0
Total number of DHP applications to help with on-going rental costs for any other reason	Successful	756	50	184	218	174	112	18	130
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL								
Total value of DHP applications to help with on-going rental costs for any other reason (£)	Successful	872,799	56,842	240,795	257,003	174,554	102,708	17,913	153,445
	Partial (less than full amount requested)	*							
	Declined / Unsuccessful	*							
	TOTAL	872,799							