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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI362829257

Thank you for your request for information relating to children and adults removed by social services due to poor housing conditions.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many cases have been referred to or dealt with by the council's social services regarding concerns about a child or children living in poor/unsuitable housing conditions?

Can you please provide the data for Qs 1 - 4 from January 1st, 2016 up to and including the most recent data you hold for 2021. Please provide the data broken down year-by-year, eg:

2016:

2017:

2018:

2019

2020

2021 (so far):

For Question 1, please see the attached document.

2. How many of these cases have resulted in the temporary or permanent removal of a child or children from those housing conditions?

3. How many cases have been referred to or dealt with by the council's social services regarding concerns about an elderly or vulnerable adult living in poor/unsuitable housing

conditions?

4. How many of these cases have resulted in the temporary or permanent removal of an elderly or vulnerable adult from those housing conditions?

For Questions 2 to 4, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The information is not held in a reportable format. To answer your request, an officer will need to manually review each record to collate the requested information. For Question 2 alone this would require a review of approximately 1,600 records. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR 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.

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 icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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Contacts received by Coventry Children's Social Care between 01/01/2016 and 30/09/2021 where 'Housing' was one of the presenting issues

2016 Qtr1	455
Qtr2	343
Qtr3	365
Qtr4	414
Total	1577
2017 Qtr1	357
Qtr2	438
Qtr3	404
Qtr4	363
Total	1562
2018 Qtr1	312
Qtr2	204
Qtr3	264
Qtr4	220
Total	1000
2019 Qtr1	337
Qtr2	250
Qtr3	331
Qtr4	331
Total	1249
2020 Qtr1	291
Qtr2	269
Qtr3	285
Qtr4	307
Total	1152
2021 Qtr1	352
Qtr2	370
Qtr3	323
Total	1045