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Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you for your request for information relating to emergency housing.

You have requested the following information:

1. Do you currently use emergency housing that has been converted from offices or other commercial uses in the last 5 years?

No.

If Yes:-

- a. How many families with children are currently living in converted buildings**
- b. How many families with children in these building are sharing communal cooking facilities**
- c. How many families with children in these buildings are sharing communal bathrooms**

Questions 1a to 1c are not applicable.

2. How many households with children are currently registered for bidding for a council home?

1,960 households with children (under 18) are currently registered with Coventry Homefinder, which is the housing register for social housing in Coventry. Please note:

- Coventry City Council no longer owns any council housing, so this is the register for social housing owned by Registered Providers (Housing Associations).
- We went 'live' with a new register and new policy on 13th September 2021. All existing applicants on the previous register were invited to re-apply on the new system. However, we are still receiving a high number of re-registrations and there are a number of applications awaiting verification, so this number is expected to increase over the coming weeks/months.

3. For households with children which have been allocated permanent housing with three bedrooms or more since 23 March 2020, what was the average time they spent on the housing waiting list?

For households who accepted an offer of a property with three or more bedrooms since 23rd March 2020, the average time between their effective date (date that priority was awarded or date of registration if no priority banding) and the date the offer was accepted was 420 days. Please note this is for all properties let through Coventry Homefinder, not exclusively those that were let to homeless households.

4. What is the number of households with children you currently have waiting for a decision on their homelessness application?

There are 335 households with children who have an 'open' homelessness application where a Main Duty decision has not yet been made. Of these 72 are in the 'triage' stage and are awaiting a decision on whether a prevention or relief duty is owed. 53 were assessed as being owed the relief duty more than 56 days ago, so will be awaiting a decision on whether the Main Duty is owed. The remainder have been assessed as being owed the prevention duty or are currently under the relief duty and so are being assisted under those duties and not currently 'waiting' for a decision.

5. Since 23 March 2020, how many households with children in temporary accommodation have waited for a decision on homelessness beyond 56 days?

391 households with children in temporary accommodation did not have their homelessness relieved during the 56 days under the relief duty, and therefore a main duty decision was made following the 56 days under the relief duty.

43 households with children in temporary accommodation are currently waiting for a Main Duty decision as they have been under the relief duty for more than 56 days.

The relief duty lasts for 56 days (and temporary accommodation is provided under the relief duty where there is also an interim duty to accommodate), therefore the figures show the households with children who were provided with temporary accommodation under the relief duty, whose homelessness was not successfully relieved within the 56 days of the relief duty, and therefore a main duty decision has been/will be made.

6. For those households with children who are currently living in temporary housing, what is the average time they have spent in temporary housing so far?

7. For those households with children who are currently living in emergency housing, what is the average time they have spent in emergency housing so far?

For Questions 6 and 7, the average time is 243 days.

8. How many households with children are currently living in emergency housing?

317 households with children are currently living in emergency/temporary housing.

9. From 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, how many households with children made homelessness applications to the council?

1,137 household with children approached the homelessness service between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021. Of these, 762 were assessed as being owed a duty under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 (prevention, relief and/or main duty).

10. From 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, how many households with children made homelessness applications to the council?

1,393 households with children approached the homelessness service between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020. Of these, 793 were assessed as being owed a prevention, relief and/or main duty under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996.

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Yours faithfully

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