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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI380467648

Thank you for your request for information relating to Asylum seekers receiving Section 95 support.

You have requested the following information:

## 1. How many asylum seekers receiving Section 95 support were housed in temporary accommodation in your local authority area?

We do not receive information about the type of support asylum seekers are on when placed in temporary accommodation in Coventry. Our general understanding is that most Asylum Seekers in temporary accommodation in Coventry are initially on S98 support.

### 2. Of the total for (1), how many were housed in bed and breakfast hotels?

Not applicable, please refer to Question 1.

# 3. How many people were housed in temporary accommodation who arrived under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP)?

We do not have temporary accommodation arrangements for ARAP clients in Coventry. There is a nationally commissioned hotel that is being used to support self-isolation in Coventry. As people are moved in and out on a daily basis, we do not hold information on how many people have been housed in this hotel on a daily basis and are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this is not held by the Council.

## 4. Of the total for (3), how many were housed in bed and breakfast hotels?

Not applicable, please refer to Question 3.

# 5. How many bed and breakfast hotels were the local authority using to house asylum seekers receiving section 95 support?

The Local Authority does not house asylum seekers; the responsibility for providing housing and support to asylum seekers is with the Home Office and managed through the AASC with Serco in Coventry and across the contract area.

## 6. How many bed and breakfast hotels were the local authority using to house people who arrived under Arap?

We have not used any bed and breakfast hotels to house people who arrived under ARAP in Coventry. New arrivals in Coventry under ARAP go straight into their new properties.

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Yours faithfully

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