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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI434376039**

Thank you for your request for information relating to social housing and waiting times.

You have requested the following information:

**I'm researching social housing waiting times for vulnerable families and individuals in the UK. Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please provide me with the following information, specific to your council:**

**1. In 2015/16 and 2020/21, the average length of time a household spends waiting to be moved into permanent social housing (broken down by house type, if available)**

For applicants on the Coventry Homefinder register who accepted an offer of accommodation during 2015/16, the average number of days between their 'effective date' and the date they accepted an offer was:

<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>Average of Days between effective date and offer accepted</b>
Studio	322
One	354
Two	394
Three	459
Four	497

Overall Average	383
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For applicants on the Coventry Homefinder register who accepted an offer of accommodation during 2020/21, the average number of days between their 'effective date' and the date they accepted an offer was:

<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>Average of Days between effective date and offer accepted</b>
Studio	315
One	436
Two	366
Three	411
Four	728
Overall average	398

Please note that many people on the register will already be in 'permanent' housing but need to move to more suitable housing for their needs.

**2. In 2015/16 and 2020/21, the average length of time a household/person spends living in temporary accommodation (Typically, are these individuals subsequently moved into permanent social housing once they leave TA?)**

The information for 2015/16 is not available and we are advising you as per Section 1 of the Act. This information is no longer held.

For households placed in Temporary Accommodation during 2020/21, the average time in temporary accommodation was 166 days.

**3. As of 4 July 2022, a breakdown of how many people in each of your housing need/priority bands are waiting to be moved into permanent housing. (Can you please include the average waiting time for the different housing need/priority bands, as well as the longest wait people are experiencing in each group?)**

<b>Band</b>	<b>Number of live apps</b>	<b>Average of Days on register (up to 4 July)</b>	<b>Longest time on register (days)</b>	<b>Earliest date</b>
Band 1	915	396	2,882	13/08/2014
Band 2	1,020	345	6,986	19/05/2003
Band 3	2,037	509	5,700	25/11/2006
Band 4	1,414	255	5,085	01/08/2008
Reduced Preference	209	342	2,377	31/12/2015
Total	5,595	390		

Please note that many people on the register will already be in 'permanent' housing but need to

move to more suitable housing for their needs.

**4. As of 4 July 2022, a number of people in your council area currently living in temporary accommodation who are:**

Children; victims of domestic abuse; medically unwell and require appropriate housing to suit their needs; suffering from a mental illness; victims of violence and/or gang-related/physical threats. As of 4 July 2022, there were 671 households in Temporary Accommodation. 380 of these were families with at least one child.

Regarding the other categories, the information given is based on the reason for homelessness ('reason for loss of last settled home'). However, we are unable to report whether a household falls into each category if it is not the reason for homelessness (for example there may be applicants with mental illness but the reason they lost their last settled home was due to family no longer being able to accommodate).

94 households were recorded with 'Domestic Abuse' as the reason for loss of last settled home.

10 households were recorded with 'home no longer suitable due to disability/ill health' as the reasons for loss of last settled home.

Five households were recorded with 'departure from institution: Hospital (psychiatric)' as the reason for loss of last settled home.

39 households were recorded with 'non-racially motivated/other motivated violence or harassment' and 'racially motivated violence or harassment' as the reasons for loss of last settled home.

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Yours faithfully

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