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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI448627330

Thank you for your request for information relating to whistleblowing.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many whistleblowing disclosures have you received over the last two years?

2020/21 - 6 disclosures

2021/22 - 3 disclosures

2. Can you provide a breakdown of the whistleblowing concerns received over the last two years?

2020/21:

Number	Nature of concern (grounds for whistleblowing)	Service area
1	Corruption	Transportation & Highways
2	Breach of a legal obligation	Children's Services
3	Breach of a legal obligation	Streetscene & Regulatory Services
4	Fraud	Adult Services
5	Fraud	Streetscene & Regulatory Services
6	Fraud	Streetscene & Regulatory Services

2021/22:

Number	Nature of concern (grounds for whistleblowing)	Service area
1	Corruption	Adult Services
2	Breach of a legal obligation	Adult Services
3	Breach of a legal obligation	Children's Services

3. The current headcount/total number of staff in your whistleblowing team.

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Council does not have a specific whistleblowing team. To clarify, matters relating to fraud and corruption, are considered by the Chief Internal Auditor. All other concerns which fall under one of the specified grounds are considered by the Council's Monitoring Officer. These officers determine the appropriate way forward, including where appropriate, requesting officers within the Legal function/Internal Audit to undertake an investigation.

4. The amount of expenditure allocated to your whistleblowing team, department or function that deals with disclosures made concerning the bodies, entities or individuals you regulate, supervise or oversee over the last two years.

As explained in response to Question 3, the Council does not have a whistleblowing team and so no specific expenditure is allocated. Costs for investigating whistleblowing disclosures are subsumed within existing budgets.

5. Any relevant documents or processes you have in place for dealing with whistleblowing concerns over the last two years.

An annual report on whistleblowing is presented to the Council's Audit and Procurement Committee. This report is accessible via the link below:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=553&MIId=12764&Ver=4>

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Yours faithfully

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