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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI467571953**

Thank you for your request for information relating to asylum seekers placed in hotels.

You have requested the following information:

**Please provide us with the following information in a machine readable spreadsheet (csv or xlsx preferably):**

- 1. The number of asylum seekers placed in hotel accommodation within your area from January 2018 to the latest complete month, broken down by year and month**
- 2. The number of hotels within your area being used to house asylum seekers from January 2018 to the latest complete month, broken down by year and month**

For Questions 1 and 2, information such as this should be obtained from the Home Office who are responsible for the contracts managing the use of contingency hotels for the dispersal of asylum seekers. Coventry City Council does not hold this information. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act. To advise and assist you further please contact:

The Home Office:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

In addition, please answer the following questions with a yes or no, if you cannot do this please provide additional details:

**3. Are you (the council) currently engaged in or considering taking legal action to stop asylum seekers being housed in hotel accommodation in your area? (yes/no)  
- If yes what legal action have you taken/considered?**

**4. Have you/are you considering using your planning enforcement powers to dispute the use of hotel accommodation to house asylum seekers? (e.g. change in use from hotel to a longer term housing facility) (yes/no)**

For Questions 3 and 4, we do not currently have any plans to enter into legal proceedings in relation to asylum seekers in hotels in our area. We do, however, have significant concerns about the use of hotels for asylum seekers.

We have historically issued proceedings in relation to breaches of planning control in respect of the use of hotels.

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Yours faithfully

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