



## Information Governance Team

Postal Address:  
Coventry City Council  
PO Box 15  
Council House  
Coventry  
CV1 5RR

[www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk)

E-mail: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

Phone: 024 7697 5408

28 February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI482197688**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Britannia Hotels Group & Temporary Accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

**I am contacting your local authority as one of 45 locations where a Britannia Hotels Group property or holiday park is situated. A full list of locations is at the bottom of this message but the four locations specific to you are:**

- **BOSWORTH HALL HOTEL at postcode CV13 0LP**
- **ROYAL COURT HOTEL COVENTRY at postcode CV7 8JG**
- **BRITANNIA COVENTRY HILL at postcode CV5 9PH**
- **BRITANNIA HOTEL COVENTRY at postcode CV1 5RP**

**I wish to know:**

- 1. If your local authority has utilised the above highlighted location(s) in order to provide either temporary or emergency accommodation in calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021 and d) 2022.**

In response to Question 1, we confirm we do not hold this information for the calendar years 2019 and 2020 and are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. During this period, the Salvation Army was commissioned to provide temporary accommodation on behalf of the Council under a contract which covered a number of accommodation and support services for homeless households. Please see the information below for 2021 and 2022 which we hold:

2021 – no placements were made  
2022 – two placements were made

**2. The total number of nights each of the locations has been used to provide either temporary or emergency accommodation, broken down by calendar year as stated above. For example, X number of nights in 2019. X number of nights in 2020 etc.**

With regards to the calendar years 2019 and 2020, please refer to our response to Question 1.

2021 – Please refer to our response to Question 1  
2022 - One placement was made for two nights in the Britannia Hotel and the other placement was for three nights in the Royal Court Hotel.

**3. The total cost for utilising this accommodation, broken down by calendar year as stated above. For example £X for provision in 2019. £X for provision in 2020.**

With regards to the calendar years 2019 and 2020, please refer to our response to Question 1.

2021 – please refer to our response to Question 1  
2022 – The total cost for the two placements made was £311

**4. Of the total number of nights per year, how many were for individuals deemed a “priority need” under The Housing Act 1996. (Priority need is defined as: pregnant women or households with dependent children, all 16-17 year-olds or a child who the LA owes a duty of care under Sec. 20 of the Children's Act 1989, all 18-20 year-olds leaving LA accommodation or fostering, any person homeless due to an emergency such as fire or flood and any person homeless due to fleeing domestic violence.)**

We confirm that all placements which were made by the Accommodation Team were for households where they had reason to believe that there was a priority need under the Housing Act 1996.

**5. Any additional information you are able to share with regards why your local authority housed people in temporary or emergency circumstances at the Britannia Hotels Group or Pontins properties highlighted below – e.g. shortage of alternatives, good value, secure location etc. This may be in the form of a written statement from the local authority, if desired.**

The Housing & Homelessness Team at Coventry City Council rarely uses Bed & Breakfast (B&B) or hotel accommodation for temporary accommodation. Where it is necessary for an out of hours emergency placement or where no other alternative is available, we look to move the household to more appropriate accommodation as soon as possible, usually the next day.

The supply of information in response to a FOI request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication](#)

[Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**