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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI480613923

Thank you for your request for information relating to Household Support Fund.

You have requested the following information:

I would be grateful if you could please provide the following information, with regards to the Household Support Fund (Tranche: 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023)

1. The total spend of the Household Support Fund as of 31st December 2022, as per the interim Management Information report

£1,601,203.43.

2. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person as of 31st December 2022 as per the interim Management Information report

£86,738.42.

3. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person that has gone directly to these households in the form of vouchers, item purchases or bank transfer (i.e. not provided to third parties to deliver services to support this group)

£72,756.58.

4. For Tranche 1: Has the local authority set an allocated expenditure for households with a disabled person and if so, what is the total figure for the expenditure?

We operate an application based service to ensure those in need have a route to emergency support, this excludes proactive support such as, free school meals.

5. What data is being used to identify households with disabled people who may benefit from the scheme (e.g. in receipt of disability benefits, being provided with a care package by your local authority)

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6. What is the eligibility criteria for households with disabled people to be able to avail of support through the Household Support Fund?

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view. Please refer to the definition provided under Reporting requirements section in the Household Support Fund (1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023): final guidance document linked to below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/household-support-fund-guidance-for-local-councils/household-support-fund-final-guidance-for-county-councils-and-unitary-authorities-in-england>

7. What formats and communication channels (e.g. easy-read, audio) are being provided to ensure information about the Household Support Fund and the application process is accessible for disabled people?

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/translate>

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Yours faithfully

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