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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI553292234

Thank you for your request for information relating to Emergency accommodation/housing.

You have requested the following information:

1. When a private landlord, housing association or other party etc offers their property (flat, house etc.) to Coventry City Council for use as emergency accommodation/housing by Coventry City Council, does Coventry City Council have a legal obligation to accept that offer?

No.

2. From 1 April 2022 to 1 April 2023, how many offers made by private landlords, housing associations or other parties etc for use of their property by Coventry City Council were rejected by Coventry City Council ?

The requested information is not held by the Council and therefore we are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We are unable to report on the number of offers of properties that were rejected by the Council. To clarify further, the Accommodation Team may decide not to use a property offered for Temporary Accommodation (TA) if it does not meet the size, type, location or cost requirements to meet the needs of people who are placed in TA. However, this would usually be established during an initial, informal conversation with a landlord, hence it is not recorded in a way that can be reported on.

3. In regard to the use of [REDACTED] by Coventry City Council as emergency

accommodation, did Coventry City Council consult with Citizen Housing - the freeholder of the property - to obtain their agreement for its use as emergency accommodation?

If so, which department carried out the consultation?

The agreement to use this property as Temporary Accommodation is between the Council's Accommodation Team and the leasehold owner of the property. The leasehold owner is responsible for complying with the terms in their leasehold agreement with the freeholder of the property.

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Yours faithfully

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