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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI560907029**

Thank you for your request for information relating to waiting times for temporary accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

**1. The average length of time households spent in temporary accommodation after making a homelessness application to the council in each of the past 4 and a half years...**

- a. between April 1st 2019 and March 31st 2020**
- b. between April 1st 2020 and March 31st 2021**
- c. between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022**
- d. between April 1st 2022 and March 31st 2023**
- e. between April 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Total Average days (Exited and Currently in TA)</b>
Between April 1st, 2020 and March 31st 2021	373
Between April 1st, 2021 and March 31st 2022	263
Between April 1st, 2022 and March 31st 2023	144
Between April 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023	50

**2. The average length of time households with children spent in temporary accommodation after making a homelessness application to the council in each of the past 4 and a half years...**

- a. between April 1st 2019 and March 31st 2020
- b. between April 1st 2020 and March 31st 2021
- c. between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022
- d. between April 1st 2022 and March 31st 2023
- e. between April 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023

<b>Time</b>	<b>Total Average days (Exited and Currently in TA)</b>
Between April 1st 2020 and March 31st 2021 (Family)	412
Between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022 (Family)	276
Between April 1st 2022 and March 31st 2023 (Family)	150
Between April 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023 (Family)	40

Please note for Questions 1 and 2, figures for 2019/20 are not held by the Council and we are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. During this time, The Salvation Army was contracted to provide a range of support and accommodation, which included provision of Temporary Accommodation. From April 2020, Temporary Accommodation (TA) has been provided directly by the Housing & Homelessness Team.

These figures are average lengths of stay for households who entered the TA in the year stated. It includes households who have left TA and also those that are still in TA (using the length of their stay up until 30 September 2023). The averages for 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023 are therefore showing as significantly lower, due to the number of households who entered TA only weeks/months before but are still in their TA placement.

**3. What were the number of households in Temporary Accommodation:**

**a. On September 30th 2020**

Total of 564.

**b. On September 30th 2021**

Total of 640.

**c. On September 30th 2022**

Total of 743.

**d. On September 30th 2023**

Total of 1,108.

**4. Of the households living with children in temporary accommodation in each of the following financial years, how many were placed in accommodation outside of your local authority area?**

**a. between April 1st 2019 and March 31st 2020**

- b. between April 1st 2020 and March 31st 2021**
- c. between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022**
- d. between April 1st 2022 and March 31st 2023**
- e. between April 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number of family placements outside of Coventry</b>
2020 - 2021	10
2021 - 2022	6
2022 - 2023	124
2023 – 2024 (to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023)	220

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Households that are placed outside of Coventry are moved back as soon as accommodation becomes available in Coventry, unless there is a specific reason that they have been placed outside of Coventry such as risk of violence.

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Yours faithfully

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