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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI565466027

Thank you for your request for information relating to Temporary Accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

1. Please could you provide the authority's / council's list of temporary accommodation (TA) suppliers noting how many properties they provide to you as well as the addresses of these properties and how much the total spend per year with them is for the following financial years:

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

Please note - I use the term suppliers to encompass both TA providers and contractors.

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/downloads/download/818/spending_over_500

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

We are not able to provide the addresses of Temporary Accommodation properties, in order to maintain the safety and privacy of the residents.

2. Please could you provide the address of any temporary accommodation in your area which has been referred to the local authority's / council's environmental health team due to Category 1 hazards such as damp, mould or electrical faults in the year 2022/23? Please do also note the number of times the property has been referred to you due to safety concerns.

The Council's Housing Enforcement receive complaints of disrepair to properties. If Housing Enforcement is aware that the property is Temporary Accommodation, it passes the case directly to the Council's Temporary Accommodation Team for them to resolve. Should they be unable to resolve the matters, they pass the case back to Housing Enforcement to take enforcement action. Only then would the property be assessed for the presence of Category 1 or 2 hazards by the Housing Enforcement team. It is therefore possible that Temporary accommodation referred to the local authorities Housing Enforcement Team has Category 1 hazards, but they are not assessed as they are resolved by the Temporary Accommodation Team.

The Housing Enforcement Team has identified every property that has been assessed as having Category 1 hazards in the timeframe given. The Temporary Accommodation Team have checked all of the properties identified and none were found to be Temporary Accommodation.

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

Yours faithfully

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