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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI587535757

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

You have requested the following information:

1. How many individuals were pregnant on the date they were placed in temporary accommodation between 1 January 2023 and 31st December 2023?

52 individuals were pregnant on the date they were placed in temporary accommodation, between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023.

2. Please provide a breakdown by ethnicity of the number of pregnant individuals identified in question one.

The breakdown is shown in the table below:

Ethnic Group Breakdown	Number of Applicants
Any other Asian background	1
Any other Black / African / Caribbean background	1
Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	1
Any other ethnic group	2
Any other White background	3
Asian / Asian British: Indian	1

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British: African	12
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British: Caribbean	3
Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean	1
Other ethnic group: Arab	1
White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	26
Grand Total	52

3. How many children were 0-1 years old when they were placed in temporary accommodation between 1 January 2023 and 31st December 2023?

4. How many children were 1-2 years old when they were placed in temporary accommodation between 1 January 2023 and 31st December 2023?

For Questions 3 and 4, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not held in a existing report format. The age of children is recorded in the case notes for each household hence, an officer would need to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant data. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

5. Do you provide cots to households in temporary accommodation?

Yes, cots are provided to households in temporary accommodation where the age/s of the child/ren require a cot (unless the family provides their own cot).

6. If yes to question five, are cots for households in temporary accommodation funded from VCSFE, commissioned housing providers, or the local authority?

Cots are funded by Coventry City Council or are provided by the temporary accommodation provider.

7. Do you provide written or verbal safer sleep advice to families with children under the age of 2 moving into temporary accommodation?

At present, We do not provide written safer sleeping advice to families entering temporary accommodation, however the Officer making the placement will verbally discuss the sleeping space needs of the household when placing a family in temporary accommodation to ascertain whether a cot needs to be provided.

8. Do you currently have any local policy on the space that must be provided in temporary accommodation to a family with a child under 2 who will need space for a cot?

We do not have a specific policy regarding the space that must be provided in temporary accommodation, however we do ensure that temporary accommodation is 'suitable' for the household which includes ensuring enough sleeping spaces for the household. All properties are inspected using the HHSRS, and accommodation used for families with dependent children is self-contained whenever possible, with families not placed in B&B style accommodation for more than six weeks.

9. If yes to question eight, please provide the relevant information.

Not applicable.

10. Do you currently have any local policy concerning the specific needs of families with neurodiverse children living in temporary accommodation?

We do not have a specific policy regarding the needs of families with neurodiverse children, but medical conditions, mental health conditions and neurological conditions are considered for all households during the placing of households into temporary accommodation to ensure that placements are suitable.

11. If yes to question ten, please provide the relevant information.

Not applicable.

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Yours faithfully

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