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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI603659982

Thank you for your request for information relating to Void/empty properties and homeless figures.

You have requested the following information:

1a. How many vacant council homes, including void properties do you currently have to date? (6th April 2024)

1b. How many of these properties have been vacant for longer than 3 months?

1c. How many of these properties have been vacant for longer than 6 months?

1d. How many of these properties have been vacant for longer than 1 year?

For Questions 1a to 1d, we confirm that we do not hold the requested information and therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Coventry City Council no longer owns or manages any council homes following the transfer of all council housing properties to Whitefriars Housing (now Citizen) in 2000.

To advise and assist you further, information about Citizen Housing and their services can be found on the web site at:

<https://www.citizenhousing.org.uk/>

For information, the council does own 65 properties that are used for temporary accommodation for homeless households who are owed a relevant duty under part 7 of the Housing Act 1996.

2a. How many people do you currently have to date on your current council housing waiting list? (6th March 2024)

On 6th March 2024, there were 8,907 live applications on Coventry Homefinder register. Coventry Homefinder is the choice-based lettings system by which social housing in Coventry is allocated.

2b. How many homeless families and or individuals have you received from London boroughs (out of area rehousing) in the last 5 years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

We are only notified of homeless families being housing in Coventry where they have been placed in temporary accommodation (with a Section 208 notification). We can only provide information on temporary accommodation placements where we have received a S208 notification since 2021.

The number of S208 notifications received from London boroughs is:

2021: one

2022: two

2023: thirteen

We are not informed when London Boroughs rehouse homeless households in Coventry in order to discharge their duties through an offer of permanent accommodation, and therefore we cannot provide this information.

2c. Additionally how many homeless families and or individuals have you received from London boroughs (out of area rehousing) since the beginning of 2024 (Jan 2024, Feb, 2024, March, 2024)

The number of S208 notifications received from London boroughs for temporary accommodation placements in Coventry in 2024 is:

January 2024: one

February 2024: four

March 2024: one

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2d. How many people that declared themselves homeless to your council in the last year, were not deemed a priority need and therefore were not accepted onto your council housing waiting list?

537 households who had approached the council as homeless were given the decision that they were homeless but not in priority need during 2023/24. These households are not excluded from the Coventry Homefinder register. Homeless households who do not have a priority need are placed in Band 3 (Coventry Homefinder has four housing need bands and a reduced preference band).

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Yours faithfully

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