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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI646269813

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

You have requested the following information:

1. In the last 3 years, [Between April 6- April 5 2021-2024] - How many people were living in temporary accommodation such as hotels, bed and breakfasts, tents or on the street? (Broken down by years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

The total number of households accommodated at some point during each year by Coventry City Council, in Temporary Accommodation (TA), under the duties in the Housing Act 1996, was:

2021/22: 1,125 2022/23: 1,283 2023/24: 1,887

The number of individuals found rough sleeping in Coventry over this time period was 586. An annual count is also carried out, which shows a snapshot of the number of rough sleepers on one night in Autumn. The results of the annual rough sleeper count are published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and are available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics#rough-sleeping

Please note that people who are rough sleeping or sleeping in a tent are not in temporary accommodation, these figures are separate to the temporary accommodation figures. Also, we do

not record whether a person has been sleeping in a tent, but all individuals found sleeping in a tent will be included in the figures for those found rough sleeping.

1a) Could these figures be broken down separately for each type of temporary accommodation? (Hotels, bed and breakfasts, tents, on the street, other)

The table below shows the number of placements made in TA during each of the last three financial years and the type of accommodation provided:

Type of Accommodation	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Placement in Privately managed Bed & Breakfast hotels	42	579	1,044
Placement in Other nightly paid, privately managed			
accommodation	1,179	1,149	1,382
Placement in Private sector accommodation leased by			
authority	643	637	530
Placement in Accommodation within own stock	302	348	295
Placement in Hostels	1	0	0
Total number of placements	2,167	2,713	3,251

Please note, to provide a breakdown of accommodation type, we have provided details of all the placements made. This number is higher than the number of households (in the response for Question 1) as some households may be moved during their total time in TA.

For example, households may be placed in a hotel/B&B in an emergency situation, then moved to more suitable accommodation as soon as it becomes available, meaning two (or more) placements for the one household.

2. In the last 3 years, [Between April 6- April 5 2021-2024] - How much has temporary accommodation cost the council? (Broken down by years, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

The total net cost to the Council for Temporary Accommodation during the last three financial years was:

2021/22: £4,967,000 2022/23: £9,105,944 2023/24: £12,869,886

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Yours faithfully

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