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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI669022757

Thank you for your request for information relating to Refugee Schemes.

You have requested the following information:

- By housing/properties, we mean any form of accommodation organised for refugees.
- By refugees, we mean the types that have recourse to public funds, those who have the following statuses:
- Indefinite leave to enter or remain (unless they are granted indefinite leave as an adult dependent relative)
- Right of abode
- Refugee status
- Humanitarian protection
- Leave to remain granted under the Ukraine Scheme
- Leave to remain granted under the family or private life rules, when they have been accepted by the Home Office as being destitute or at risk of imminent destitution
- Leave to remain granted to a person who has received a conclusive grounds decision that they are a victim of trafficking or modern day slavery
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child (UASC) leave

1a) Please let me know if the council has ever leased any properties from third parties on behalf of refugees?

Not applicable. Coventry City Council does not lease properties for Refugees. We do however, ask some third parties from the Private Rented Sector, to reserve properties for Refugees to rent upon their arrival in the city.

- 1b) Please let me know how many the council leased in financial years 2022/2023 & 2023/2024, and how many it currently leases as of picking up this request.

 See response to Question 1.
- 2a) Has the council ever been granted funds from any government schemes in order to assist refugees? (For example; UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS), Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), Ukraine Family Scheme, Homes for Ukraine, and/or any other). Please name any and all schemes.

United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme (UKRS)

Vulnerable Peoples Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) (replaced by UKRS)

Vulnerable Childrens Resettlement Scheme (VCRS) (Replaced by UKRS)

Afghan Locally Employed Staff (Afghan LES) (Ended)

Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP)

Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)

Homes for Ukraine (HfU)

2b) Please let me know how much the council has has received from such government schemes year-by-year since the financial year beginning April 2021.

	2021/22*	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 (Apr – Nov)
UKRS	2,245,692	935,693	343,818	0
ACRS/ARAP	991.437	1,882,417	3,301,249	663,345
HfU	0	3,825,590	1,333,854	472,686

^{*} ARAP/ACRS started in August 2021, HfU started in March 2022

3) Please let me know how much was spent through the council assisting refugees with housing, in the the financial years 2022/2023 & 2023/2024.

	2022/23	2023/24
ARAP/ACRS/UKRS	407,104*	505,826
HfU	85,008	126,116

^{*} Please note the salary costs included are estimates as these services were commissioned out in 2022-23.

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Yours faithfully

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