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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for requesting information about prescription drugs, received on 16th July 2014. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your letter states: "This FOI request relates only to those patients who have become addicted to, or dependent upon, prescribed benzodiazepine and z drug tranquillisers and who have taken these drugs as directed by their doctors and who do not abuse these or other substances."

Data collected by treatment providers do not record the source of drugs being taken. In other words, it is not possible to identify whether someone has come into treatment with illicit benzodiazepine/tranquilliser use or licit benzodiazepine/tranquillisers use (were prescribed by a GP). Treatment IT systems also do not record whether someone is taking their drugs as prescribed/directed by their doctors.

Therefore, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information. Thus, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act.

To advise and assist you regarding the types of information the Council does hold and regularly discloses, you may wish to view the latest Freedom of Information responses issued by the Council on our [disclosure log](#) or look at the [Council's Publication Scheme](#) and it's published reusable [Open Data](#).

For a wider range of information about the Coventry area and to see what other organizations are doing, have a look at [Facts about Coventry](#)

If you have any other issues relating to this request please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the outcome or handling of your request you should write to us within 40 working days of the date of this letter:

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If having done that you are still dissatisfied, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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