



## Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI316620166**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Tracing agencies.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

**1. Does the council currently use the services of an external tracing agent, research firm or genealogists to assist with finding owners of empty or presumed empty, privately owned residential property?**

No.

**2. If so, which firm(s) has the council worked with? N/A.**

**3. Please provide the name, email address and direct telephone number of the officer or team that manages or monitors private residential empty homes matters.**

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response.

Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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