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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI429795786**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Art in Storage.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many pieces of artwork does Coventry City Council own?**

6,673.

**2. How many pieces are on display?**

147.

**3. How many pieces are in storage?**

6,526.

**4. What is the approximate value of Coventry City Council's visual art collection?**

**5. What is the approximate value of the artwork which is in storage?**

**6. Could you provide a list of the top ten most valuable artworks in storage and the top ten most valuable artworks on display - including their respective values?**

The Council will not be disclosing the information relating to Questions 4, 5 and 6 as it believes that

disclosure of this information to the wider world, would raise law enforcement concerns and therefore, Section 31 FOIA is engaged.

In considering the public interest for and against disclosure in this case, the Council has considered the public interest in disclosing this information for artworks both in storage and on display in terms of the contribution to demonstrating transparency and in this instance, the Council judges that the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in allowing the Council to ensure that its legitimate business and that of others are protected from criminal activity.

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Yours faithfully

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