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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Homefinder.

You have requested the following information:

I would like to know the following things please

1. In the past year how many properties have been let in Coventry?

Coventry City Council does not hold this information in full and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We are able to provide information on the properties let through Coventry Homefinder but not those let by Housing Associations outside of this system.

The Homefinder Partners have agreed to let the vast majority of their properties through Homefinder but there are occasional exceptions such as management moves and emergency moves. Midland Heart also let approximately 50% of their vacant properties using their own letting system. Further details can be found on the following links:

<https://www.coventryhomefinder.com/choice/content.aspx?pageid=8>

<https://www.midlandheart.org.uk/find-a-home/homes-to-rent/>

2. Of those properties how many have been given to people who bidded through the home finder website?

From 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, 927 properties have been let through the Coventry Homefinder system (based on the date that an applicant accepted an offer).

3. How many have been given through other means like management moves

Please refer to Question 1.

4. How many people from the UK have been given a property vs how many people from non-UK countries

Since the new Policy was implemented on 13 Sept 2021 up to 30 June 2022, 567 households have been housed through Homefinder. Of these, 404 were UK nationals/British Citizens. Please note that some British Citizens may not have lived in the UK since birth, and some may be British Citizens returning from residence overseas.

163 households were housed who met the other legal criteria which means they have the right to live in the UK and are eligible for a social housing allocation.

Eligibility for a social housing allocation is set out in legislation and more details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/allocation-of-accommodation-guidance-for-local-authorities/chapter-3-eligibility-and-qualification>

Please note that applicants to Coventry Homefinder also have to demonstrate a local connection to Coventry (with some exceptions such as people fleeing domestic abuse or certain members of the Armed Forces). Further information can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/housing-1/coventry-homefinder-policy-autumn-2021/4>

5. How many people are overcrowded and how long have they been overcrowded?

1,646 households on the register are overcrowded in their current home. 126 require an additional two or more bedrooms and 1,520 require one additional bedroom than their current home. The average amount of time that those in priority for overcrowding have been on the register is 560 days.

6. How many people are in temp accommodation and what is your average waiting time for being housed?

As of 6 July 2022, there are 664 households in Temporary Accommodation under duties in the Housing Act 1996. The average length of stay in Temporary Accommodation before being housed in long term accommodation, which may be social housing through Homefinder or within the private rented sector, is 166 days.

7. How many 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom properties have been available in this time?

In the 12 months from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, there were 177 three-bedroom properties advertised on Coventry Homefinder, and nine four-bedroom properties advertised.

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