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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI437824133

Thank you for your request for information relating to Immigration and asylum legal advice.

You have requested the following information:

1. Does the local authority fund any immigration or asylum legal advice?

a) If yes, please state:

- What is the scope of the funding?
- Which department funds the advice?
- What is the source of the funds provided by the local authority?
- Is this by grant or contract?
- Which organisation/s are funded to deliver the advice?

Please give any other details you are able to share about the funding.

b) If no, please state:

- Whether the Local Authority has previously funded any immigration legal advice (since 2000)?
- Whether there has been any consideration of funding or commissioning immigration legal advice in the period since 2010?

In response to your request, we confirm Coventry City Council does not specifically fund immigration or asylum advice, however it provides grant funding to two Coventry organisations which as part of their wider activities are involved in providing immigration and asylum legal advice. Further details are provided below:

Organisation:

Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre receives £387,000 per annum.

(<https://www.covrefugee.org/>)

Scope of funding:

The Centre provides essential information and practical help to thousands of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the Coventry area. There are a number of teams at the Refugee Centre that fall within the question, but particularly the Advice and Advocacy Team, and the Immigration Team.

The funding provided is however 'core funding' which is used by the Centre for a variety of purposes and is supplemented by a wide range of grants and other charitable income from multiple sources.

Department funding the advice: Budget held by the Head of Service Libraries and Migration

Source of the funds: Core Grant

Grant or Contract: Grant

Organisation:

Central England Law Centre receives £430,000 per annum.

(<https://www.centralenglandlc.org.uk/>)

Scope of funding:

Its services cover a wide range of legal advice in many areas of law but do specifically include Asylum and Immigration Law. The Law Centre use the Council's funding to supplement funding from various charitable, legal aid and other sources to support Coventry residents in need of support.

Department funding the advice: Budget held by Head of Service Libraries and Migration

Source of the funds: Core Grant

Grant or Contract: Grant

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Yours faithfully

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