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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI465475373**

Thank you for your request for information relating to households in temporary/emergency accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

#### **1. How much (in GBP) did the local authority spend on temporary / emergency accommodation during the financial year 2021/22?**

The net spend on temporary accommodation for 2021/22 was £4.967m.

#### **2. How much (in GBP) is the local authority predicted to spend on temporary / emergency accommodation during the financial year 2022/23?**

We are unable to give a forecast for the expected spend on temporary accommodation for 2022/23, but for information, the net spend for the first six months of the financial year was £1.892m.

#### **3. How many households does the local authority currently have in temporary / emergency accommodation?**

There are currently 754 households in Temporary Accommodation provided by the council under the duties and powers in the Housing Act 1996 as at 12 December 2022.

#### **4. What is the average number of people per household, currently housed in temporary /**

## **emergency accommodation?**

This information is not available in a reportable format however to assist, we can provide a breakdown of the household types:

<b>Household type</b>	<b>Count</b>
Single Person	277
Couple	16
Non-cohabiting couple	6
Family, 1 child	123
Family with 2 children	106
Family with 3 children	113
6-7 people or 4 children	56
8+ people or 5+ children	56
5 single adults	1
Grand Total	754

## **5. What percentage of the local authority's use of temporary / emergency accommodation is secured from B&B accommodation?**

As a snapshot of current placements on 12 December 2022, there are 12 households in B&B out of a total of 754 households in temporary accommodation, giving a percentage of 1.6% in B&B.

Since 1 April 2022, B&B accommodation has been used for a total of 340 nights of accommodation. The total number of nights' accommodation provided is 122,628. Therefore B&B has been used for 0.28% of overall accommodation provided.

## **6. What percentage of the local authority's use of temporary / emergency accommodation is secured from other private landlords (not B&B)?**

As a snapshot of current placements on 12 December 2022, there are 588 households in temporary accommodation provided by other private landlords (not B&B) out of a total of 754 in temporary accommodation, giving a percentage of 78% in private accommodation.

## **7. Of the total number of households housed in temporary / emergency accommodation, how many are currently housed in B&B accommodation?**

12 households are currently housed in B&B accommodation as of 12 December 2022.

## **8. Does the local authority undertake work on private rented properties for the purposes of making them habitable for use as longer-term accommodation?**

No.

## **9. Of the spend on temporary / emergency accommodation, what percentage is attributed to B&B accommodation, and what percentage is attributed to accommodation provided by private landlords?**

The temporary accommodation costs are all recorded under one budget code, so separating out the figures for different property types would require an officer to examine each invoice. We are unable to provide this information.

**10. Aside from other private landlord accommodation and B&B accommodation, what other sources of temporary / emergency accommodation does the local authority source?**

Coventry City Council owns a small number of properties which are used for temporary accommodation. We also use accommodation which is owned by a Registered Provider.

**11. In total, how many nights of households being housed in temporary / emergency accommodation have been funded by the local authority during this current financial year?**

From 1 April 2022 to 12 December 2022, a total of 122,628 nights of accommodation have been provided.

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Yours faithfully

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