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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI515153380

Thank you for your request for information relating to undiscovered deaths.

You have requested the following information:

I am conducting an investigation into undiscovered tenant deaths in social housing.

As part of this, I am sending an FOI to councils in the UK to ask how many instances of undiscovered tenant deaths there have been in council-provided housing over the last five years.

I am therefore submitting the following questions to your authority under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1. How many cases have there been in the last five years where people have been found dead in housing provided by the council where it is believed they have been undiscovered for more than two days? Please include the statistics for each year separately.
- 2. How many cases have there been in the last five years where people have been found dead in housing provided by the council where it is believed they have been undiscovered for more than five days? Please include the statistics for each year separately.
- 3. How many cases have there been in the last five years where people have been found dead in housing provided by the council where it is believed they have been undiscovered for more than ten days? Please include the statistics for each year separately.

For Questions 1 to 3, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are informing you as required under Section 1(1) of the Act.

Coventry City Council does not own any housing stock as this was transferred to Citizen Housing (formerly Whitefriars) in September 2000 through Large Scale Voluntary Transfer.

This transfer also involved movement of responsibility for management of the housing stock, including repairs and maintenance and the setting and collection of rents along with any right-to-buy activities.

For clarity, the Council relinquished responsibility regarding these matters in their entirety as part of the transfer.

To advise and assist you further, information about Citizen Housing and their services can be found on the web site at:

https://www.citizenhousing.org.uk/

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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