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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI526910363

Thank you for your request for information relating to hotels used for asylum seekers.

You have requested the following information:

We are making an enquiry following the BBC article "Private firms profiting from UK asylum hotels" dated 20 March 2023, which states that the BBC made a FOIA request to ask all UK councils how many hotels were being used for asylum seekers and how many individuals were living in them. 320 councils out of 398 responded and stated that 395 hotels are being used to house asylum seekers.

We are requesting that the Council disclose the following information:

1. Are you using hotels/ hotel operators /other third party private organisations to provide accommodation for asylum seekers;

Please be advised that Coventry City Council is not using hotels/hotel operators/other third-party private organisations to provide accommodation for Asylum seekers.

2. If the answer to (a) is yes, please provide copies of contracts the Council have entered into since 1 January 2020 in respect of housing for asylum seekers, refugees, and/or immigrants with hotel operators or third parties within the vicinity of the local authority CV3 2DS.

Not applicable. Please refer to Question 1.

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

Yours faithfully

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