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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI672306792

Thank you for your request for information relating to Number of UASC and former UASC deaths.

You have requested the following information:

1. For the children looked after (CLA) who arrived in the UK as unaccompanied asylumseeking children (UASC) and were in the care of your local authority between January 2015 and December 2024, please provide the total number of: a) deaths:

None.

b) deaths, where the death is known to be self-inflicted or by suicide:

Not applicable.

2. For the former relevant children (FRC) aged up to 25 years old, who arrived in the UK as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) and were in touch with your local authority between January 2015 and December 2024, please provide the total number of: a) deaths:

Coventry City Council was not reporting on care leaver deaths until changes in January 2024 and since this time, no reported deaths of UASC care leavers are recorded.

Prior to January 2024, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents

the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The data for prior to January 2024, is not held in a reportable format and therefore would require an officer to manually extract the data from individual case files. Due to the large number of files to examine, we estimate that this will exceed 18 hours work. This part of your request has been therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that the Council are not aware of any deaths of care leavers up until 25 for UASC.

- b) deaths, where the death is known to be self-inflicted or by suicide. Not applicable.
- 3. For each case related to questions 1 or 2, please provide: a) the date of death; b) the nationality of the deceased; c) the age at the time of death; d) the full name of the deceased; e) the cause of death.

Not applicable.

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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: infoqov@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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