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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI739389007**

Thank you for your request for information relating to HMO Data by LSOA and local authority.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting data regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and residential dwelling stock within your council's administrative area.

Please provide the following information, correct as of the date you process this request. I would be grateful if you could state the date for which the data is provided in your response.

1. The total number of HMOs within the council's boundary

We estimate there to be 6,500 HMOs within the Council's boundary. However, due to the fluidity of the market (i.e. some move in and out of HMO use regularly), we are unable to provide the specific number of HMOs, and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

To advise and assist you further, details of HMOs with current licences and open applications in process can be found on the "Public registers" page of the Council website. Please use the following link:

www.coventry.gov.uk/hmo.

2. The total number of residential dwellings within the council's boundary.

In response to Question 2, we 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/>

We also publish general information at: [Facts about Coventry – Coventry City Council](#)

3. A list of all Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) within the council's boundary, with a corresponding count of the number of HMOs located within each LSOA.

4. A list of all LSOAs within the council's boundary, with a corresponding count of the total number of residential dwellings within each LSOA.

In response to Questions 3 and 4, we confirm we do not hold this information and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this data at LSOA level on our system.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation as per Section 16 of the FOIA to advise and assist you, details relating to how many LSOAs there are within Coventry is available for you to access on the Government website. Please use the following link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

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For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) 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

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

Yours faithfully

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