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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI740739085

Thank you for your request for information relating to Homelessness among refugees.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding homelessness among refugees in your local authority area.

Specifically, I would like to receive the following information:

Annual data, for the past six financial years, 2019 to 2025 (to date) on the number of individuals recognised as refugees who have been assessed or recorded by your authority as homeless. If it would exceed the section 12 limit to provide six years of data, please explain why that is and instead provide data for the time period that you are able to provide within the limit.

For the relevant period, please provide the following information, broken down by financial year (or calendar year, if more appropriate):

1. The total number of individuals who have approached your authority seeking assistance as homeless.

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government publishes quarterly and annual data regarding homelessness applications, which are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

The data up to the end of March 2025 has been published. From 1st April 2025 to 31st August 2025, there were 2,959 applications.

2. Of those who approached your authority as homeless, how many were recognised as refugees — i.e., individuals granted refugee status or humanitarian protection with leave to remain.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government publishes information about the eligibility criteria of household who make a homeless application (in the annual tables). Data is available up to 2023/24 here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

For 2024/25, there were 571 applications from households who were eligible as their status was 'Granted Refugee status'.

For 1st April 2025 to 31st August 2025, there were 255 applications who were eligible as they were 'Granted Refugee status'.

Please note there may be some applicants who previously had refugee status but now have a different status, that will not be included in these figures.

3. Of the homeless individuals recognised as refugees, how many were granted their refugee status and leave to remain by a different local authority.

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

4. Total annual spending on homelessness for each of the past six financial years (or as many as you are able to provide within the s.12 limit).

This should cover:

a. Support provided under statutory homelessness duties;

b. Support for individuals presenting informally or via referral who do not qualify for statutory assistance.

Information on total spending on homelessness services in each financial year is published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing>

5. Of the total homelessness spend, how much was spent on homeless individuals with refugee status.

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We are not able to separate out the costs specifically for refugee households.

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non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

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

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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