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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI745426499**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Housing asylum seekers.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many properties has the council purchased for the purposes of housing asylum seekers in each of the past five years?**
- 2. How much did the council spend in total purchasing properties for the purpose of housing asylum seekers in each of those years?**
- 3. What was the purchase price of each of those properties?**
- 4. How many council-owned properties are used to house asylum seekers?**
- 5. What is the total estimated value of the council-owned properties used to house asylum seekers?**
- 6. What is the estimated value of the most valuable council-owned property used to house asylum seekers?**
- 7. How many asylum seekers are housed in council-owned properties?**
- 8. Can you list the properties in question 4 by council ward?**
- 9. How long has the average asylum seeker lived in council-owned property?**
- 10. What is the longest period for which any individual asylum seeker has been housed in council-owned property?**

Coventry City Council no longer owns any social housing following the transfer of all the Council's housing stock to Whitefriars Housing Group (now Citizen) in 2000.

The Council owns a small number of homes which have been purchased exclusively for use as Temporary Accommodation (for homeless households under the duties in the Housing Act 1996)

and owns some properties such as caretaker houses for schools. None of these properties are used to house asylum seekers.

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Yours faithfully

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