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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI745574924**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Smoke from domestic fires. We apologise for the delay.

You have requested the following information:

Question 1: Please state how many complaints your local authority has received about smoke from domestic fires from 1st Sept 2024 to 31st August 2025 inclusive? If you have separated this data into types of fires please include this detail.

We are currently unable to provide separate data for commercial and domestic premises on our case management system due to a recent change in systems. We plan to have the functionality available after November 2025 if you wish to make a new request then.

To assist, we can provide the figures below for cumulative for domestic, commercial and industrial premises (except for the figure for domestic bonfires).

Chimney Smoke: 14
Domestic Bonfire: 2
Smoke Nuisance: 109

Question 2: Please state the number of enforcement actions taken by your local authority, in the following categories, against suspected breaches of smoke control area rules from 1st Sept 2024 to 31st August 2025 inclusive:

a) Warning or guidance letters: 32 letters

b) Inspections: Two visit reports

c) Penalty notices: None

d) Prosecution: None

b) How many complaints concerned people who had previously been the addressee of an enforcement action, including letters?

As per the response to Question 1, we are unable to extract this data from case management system at the current time.

Question 3: Please provide a copy of any guidance issued internally to council officers regarding the enforcement of alleged breaches of smoke control area rules.

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold this information. We do not have any Coventry internal guidance, however, we work closely with other West Midlands Local Authorities and have shared information with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and follow their Enforcement Guide where necessary.

Question 4: Please provide a copy of any reports or guidance produced by your council relating to the local implementation of the Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020 from 1 May 2021.

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold this information. No reports/guidance has been produced.

Question 5: If your council is not fully designated a Smoke Control Area, can you please explain how complaints have been handled in controlled versus non controlled areas?

There are some small sections of Coventry which are not within designated Smoke Control Areas (SCA). There are multiple SCA's in place which cover most of the city.

We offer advice to all residents on responsible burning for domestic premises. The Council would only take further enforcement action if a premises failed to comply with the legislation and was located in a designated SCA.

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Yours faithfully

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