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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI865573745

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children and Families with No Recourse to Public Funds.

You have requested the following information:

1. Please provide the number of families with dependent children, where a parent or carer is subject to a No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) condition, who were receiving support from your Children's Services department(s) under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from July 29th 2025 to July 29th 2026.

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2. Please provide the total number of children within the families identified in Question 1 who were receiving support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from July 29th 2025 to July 29th 2026.

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3. Please provide the number of families with NRPF supported under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from July 29th 2025 to July 29th 2026, who were receiving financial support at a level broadly equivalent to Home Office asylum support rates or another basic subsistence-only rate.

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4. Please provide the number of families with NRPF supported under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from July 29th 2025 to July 29th 2026, who were receiving financial support at a level broadly equivalent to mainstream welfare benefit rates, fostering allowances, or another enhanced welfare-based rate.

Nil.

5. Please provide, for the period 29 July 2025 to 29 July 2026:

a) The total number of families with dependent children, where a parent or carer was subject to a No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) condition, who approached your Children's Services department seeking financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

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 information requested is not held in a centrally recorded format and there is no existing report or system from which it can be readily extracted. To determine whether the information is held and to retrieve it would require a manual examination of individual records across multiple sources. We estimate that the work required would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

b) Of the families identified in (a), the number who received financial support following assessment under section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

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c) Of the families identified in (a), the number who were refused financial support following assessment under section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

Nil

d) Where recorded, the number of families refused support because they were considered ineligible for assistance owing to the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002.

If your authority records requests, assessments, or presentations under different terminology, please provide the closest equivalent data held.

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6. Please provide details of the financial support rates, allowances, scales, or policies applicable to families with NRPF who receive the type of support referred to in Question 3, including any schedule showing amounts by household size, age of child, or other relevant criteria.

See below (Question 8).

7. Please provide details of the financial support rates, allowances, scales, or policies applicable to families with NRPF who receive the type of support referred to in Question 4, including any schedule showing amounts by household size, age of child, or other relevant criteria.

See below (Question 8).

8. Please provide the number of families supported under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 during the period of July 29th 2025 to July 29th 2026 where:

- a parent or carer was subject to NRPF;
- the family was subject to the eligibility restrictions contained in Schedule 3 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002; and
- following an assessment of need, the family was receiving financial support above a basic subsistence-only level.

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9. Please provide copies of any current policies, guidance documents, assessment frameworks, or procedural documents used by your authority in determining financial support levels for families with NRPF under section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

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 exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

Families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF):

<https://coventrycs.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/families-with-no-recourse-to-public-funds>

The current financial support rates used by Coventry City Council when assessing support under Section 17 Children Act 1989 are:

Subsistence Rates

£49.18 per person and child per week

Additional £9.50 per week for a child under 1 year old

Additional £5.25 per week for a child under 3 years old

Additional £5.25 per week for a pregnant woman

Utility Allowances

Gas: £24.10 per week

Electricity: £24.10 per week

Water: £8.40 per week

Additional Support Available Following Assessment

Maternity grant of £300 for the first child where the family is unable to access this through a MAT B1 entitlement.

Bus passes were assessed as necessary.

Travel vouchers where required.

Support with school uniform where required.

Baby equipment and other essential items where an assessment identifies a specific need.

These rates represent the subsistence levels currently agreed by Coventry City Council for NRPF supported families. Additional support may be provided on an individual assessed-needs basis in accordance with Section 17 duties.

Further Information

The Council does not hold information regarding all individual support awards in a centrally recorded format. There is no existing report or system from which this information can be readily extracted. To identify and retrieve such information would require a manual review of individual records across multiple sources and would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Yours faithfully

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