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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

Please can you provide me with details of:

- 1. the amount of money the local authority gave to domestic violence refuges in each financial year since 2010/11;*
- 2. the total number of domestic violence refuges or any other form of accommodation-based support located within the local authority, as at the end of each financial year since 2010/11;*
- 3. the total number of domestic violence refuges located within the local authority that have been closed since 2010/11; and*
- 4. whether the local authority bid for funding from the VAWG Service Transformation Fund and, if it did, when the bid was successful and confirmation of whether the Government released the funds yet.*

In relation to the requests above, domestic violence refuges includes any other accommodation-based support for victims of domestic violence. The total amount of money should include any funding provided by the local authority to domestic violence refuges, where such places are commissioned through multi-agency working.

The response to your request as follows:

1) The total amount paid to domestic abuse providers is the following:

2010	£70,908.57
2011	£78,770.98
2012	£43,544.46
2013	£12,258.00
2014	£13,100.00
2015	£26,145.00
2016	£68,880.93
2017	£31,400.00
	£345,007.94

Please note this is total money paid to domestic abuse providers for provision for domestic abuse within Tamworth and is not broken down purely for the provision of a refuge. Support to victims is provided in many different ways and therefore is not broken down purely for the purposes of running a refuge.

2) Working in partnership with Lichfield District Council there are approx 21 refuge units and 1 x 3 bedroom house. This information is considered publically available at:

<https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/tamworth-secures-%C2%A392600-support-domestic-abuse-victims>

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4) A bid was not lodged by Tamworth for this particular fund; winning authorities though are publicly available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/violence-against-women-and-girls-service-transformation-fund-successful-bids-2017-to-2020>

We were however successful in another government bid for domestic abuse funding – the press release confirming details is freely available here at: <https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/tamworth-secures-%C2%A392600-support-domestic-abuse-victims>

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Yours Sincerely

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