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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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

Please could you provide me with information on the following:

1. *What percentage of all new homelessness applications are being collected and reported in accordance with the new H-CLIC data requirement (Homelessness Case Level Collection) since 3rd April 2018?*
 - a. *If not all requirements are being met, what information is being collected on homelessness applications and how is this being reported to MHCLG?*
 - b. *What percentage of legacy cases are being reported through H-CLIC since 3rd April 2018?*

The H-CLIC data requirements can be found here.

2. *What percentage of homelessness prevention spending is spent on:*

- a. *Advice and information*
- b. *Early identification*
- c. *Pre-crisis intervention*
- d. *Preventing recurring homelessness*
- e. *Other*
- f. *Total spend*

Definitions can be found in Government's Code of Guidance.

3. *Does the local authority monitor adherence to and judge the effectiveness of its homelessness strategy?*
 - a. *If so, how?*

4. *Has any training, or advice, been provided to other public services with a duty to refer following the Homelessness Reduction Act?*

- a. *If so, what?*
- b. *Is there different advice for different services?*
- c. *If not, are there plans in place to provide training or advice?*

5. *Are there any data sharing agreements within the local authority, or with other local authorities, that aim to prevent homelessness?*
 - a. *If so, please provide details.*

The response to your request as follows:

1. What percentage of all new homelessness applications are being collected and reported in accordance with the new H-CLIC data requirement (Homelessness Case Level Collection) since 3rd April 2018?

- a. If not all requirements are being met, what information is being collected on homelessness applications and how is this being reported to MHCLG?
- b. What percentage of legacy cases are being reported through H-CLIC since 3rd April 2018?

The H-CLIC data requirements can be found [here](#).

100% of new homeless applications are reported through HCLIC.

We have currently reported no legacy cases through HCLIC.

2. What percentage of homelessness prevention spending is spent on:

- a. Advice and information
- b. Early identification
- c. Pre-crisis intervention
- d. Preventing recurring homelessness
- e. Other
- f. Total spend

Definitions can be found in Government's [Code of Guidance](#).

We do not record spending as percentages or in terms of your current categories, however to provide you with further assistance please see the summary of the breakdown of current spend below under the homeless strategy budget-

Homelessness Strategy	Salaries	28,524.93
Homelessness Strategy	Payments For Temporary Staff	25,289.96
Homelessness Strategy	Car Allowances	772.27
Homelessness Strategy	Equipment Furniture & Material	89.58
Homelessness Strategy	Mobile Phones	367.89
Homelessness Strategy	Homelessness Training	1,995.55
Homelessness Strategy	Printing & Stationery External	30.30
Homelessness Strategy	Public Liability Insurance	2,000.00
Homelessness Strategy	Homelessness Prevention	16,089.88
Homelessness Strategy	Solutions Fund	27,661.97
Homelessness Strategy	Flexible Homelessness Payment	13,174.30

3. Does the local authority monitor adherence to and judge the effectiveness of its homelessness strategy?

- a. If so, how?

Reviews are completed on the homeless prevention strategy and actions recorded on the action plan are recorded against its delivery. The prevention strategy and a previous review is freely available on the website on the following link:

<https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/housing-policies>

4. Has any training, or advice, been provided to other public services with a duty to refer following the Homelessness Reduction Act?

- a. If so, what?
- b. Is there different advice for different services?
- c. If not, are there plans in place to provide training or advice?

Training has been provided in a variety different ways, an external trainer provided some training and additionally we have held workshops and more targeted briefing to other services.

5. Are there any data sharing agreements within the local authority, or with other local authorities, that aim to prevent homelessness?

- a. If so, please provide details.

No, however there are individual data sharing agreements in place in which data may be transferred.

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

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