



## Information Governance Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI414293752**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Homes for Ukraine scheme.

You have requested the following information:

#### **1. How many people in your local authority have signed up to sponsor Ukrainian refugees as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme?**

The Homes for Ukraine website run by the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) currently identifies 596 prospective sponsors who have expressed an interest in the scheme and live in Coventry. We would not be confident that every one of these expressions of interest would result in a successful match. To date, 69 sponsors have so far been matched with a prospective guest.

#### **2. Has your local authority alerted the Home Office to any potential safeguarding issues around anyone on the sponsor list? If so, how many people?**

No.

#### **3. Has your local authority asked the Home Office to remove anyone from the list of potential sponsors? If so, how many?**

Two property inspections have resulted in a decision to reject the proposed properties as unsuitable. The website does not include the option 'to remove' prospective sponsors, however we have alerted DLUHC via the website.

#### **4. How many people on the sponsors list in your local authority have been flagged up on the Police National Computer?**

Sponsor checks undertaken on the Police National Computer are undertaken by colleagues at the Home Office. The City Council therefore does not hold this information we are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act.

To advise and assist you further please contact the Home Office for this information via:

[public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk)

#### **5. How many people on the sponsors list in your local authority have failed DBS checks?**

The Council is responsible for undertaking DBS checks for potential sponsors in the Coventry area. As of 25 April 2022, no sponsors have failed these DBS checks.

#### **6. How many families does your local authority hope to resettle as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme?**

The scheme is uncapped and the Council will support a welcome for everyone who is successful in obtaining a visa under the scheme.

#### **7. How many children does your local authority hope to place in schools as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme?**

The scheme is uncapped and the City Council will make the necessary arrangements working with local schools, to secure a school place for every Ukrainian child who arrives in the city.

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Yours faithfully

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