

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

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QUESTION A

Councillor Srivastava to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

“Nationally the number of Ukrainian arrivals presenting to Council as being homeless continues to rise, with the latest government figure showing 670 households in temporary accommodation nationwide.

Could the Leader of this Council tell us if any of the Ukrainian's arrivals in Rugby are facing similar homeless issues and if so, how many have approached RBC for help?”

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, to reply as follows:

“11 Ukrainian citizens have approached the Council for housing advice. I am happy to confirm that all have been dealt with via housing advice and follow ups to prevent their needing to progress a homelessness application.

County wide, the district, borough and County councils are working together to prevent homelessness for this cohort. Hosted by North Warwickshire Council, securing funding from the county, a project is in place that actively reaches out to sponsors and guests to understand the potential of homelessness arising within the cohort, and to put in place early remedies and advice. This is separate to the PHIL project which covers just Rugby, Stratford and North Warwickshire. In addition, the district and borough housing advice teams are on hand to support through the usual routes.”