

**Response to: FOI 22-23 216** 

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## Allocation for Taughmonagh GHA and Finaghy GHA

1. How many 3 bed properties are currently available/awaiting allocation in the Taughmonagh GHA and Finaghy GHA?

As of 23/01/2023 our records show that there were two 3 bed properties available for allocation in the Finaghy Common Landlord Area.

As of 23/01/2023 our records show that there were no 3 bed properties available for allocation in the Taughmonagh/Upper Dunmurry Common Landlord Area.

- 2. What is the average amount of points needed currently for a 3 bed property in Taughmonagh GHA?
- 3. What is the average amount of points needed currently for a 3 bed property in Finaghy GHA?
- 4. What is the average length of waiting time for a 3 bed property in both Taughmonagh GHA and D Fianghy GHA?

A copy of the information in relation to questions 2, 3 & 4 is provided below in appendix 1. Allocations data is provided from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2022 at Finaghy & Taughmonagh Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) & N. Ireland Level by Mean & Median Points and Waiting Times at the Point of Allocation. Please note Finaghy & Taughmonagh are classed as CLAs and not GHAs.

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## Appendix 1:

	Allocations from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2022 at Finaghy & Taughmonagh Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) & N. Ireland Level by Mean & Median Points and Waiting Times at the Point of Allocation.					
	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Allocations	Mean Points at the Point of Allocation	Median Points at the Point of Allocation	Mean Months on the WL at the Point of Allocation	Median Months on the WL at the Point of Allocation
Finaghy CLA	3	<10	189.5	179.0	31.1	29.0
Taughmonagh CLA	3	10	131.2	156.0	30.4	21.5
N. Ireland	3	6794	148.8	150.0	25.2	14.0

## Notes:

- Allocations is provided over a 5 year period from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2022 in order to give a better understanding of allocations over time. Allocations data includes allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties to applicants.
- When a question of "average waiting times" or "average points" is asked MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided. Reasons for this include:
  - The MEAN is the arithmetic average and as a statistic can often be unreliable, having been skewed by significant outliers i.e. applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years
  - This degree of skewing makes the arithmetic average, the MEAN, unreliable. Therefore, following expert advice on this matter a methodology that utilises the MEDIAN (a measure of central tendency) as a more reliable indicator in relation to Waiting Lists and Allocations is also provided.
- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 It is important to note the GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018 regarding the potential risk of identifying individuals and individual households. Guidance from NISRA suggests that equality monitoring information should not be disclosed in sensitive cases where individuals or individual households could be identified. Also the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 'Anonymisation: Managing Data Protection Risk' Code of Practice states 'where less than 10 responses have been given to an answer that identifies something factual, all variables relating to that question have been suppressed'. However, 'it should be noted that attitudinal questions are not bound by this rule, in addition to responses of 'Don't know', 'Refused', 'Other' or similar. As the information provided is considered sensitive some statistical disclosure controls may have been placed on the tables with the omission of data in cases where there are less than ten Applicants.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.</li>