

Response to: FOI_22-23_251

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Allocations for Belfast by Housing Need Assessment Area

The table below shows allocations for the period 01/01/22 to 31/12/22 at Belfast HNAs, Belfast LGD and N. Ireland level by mean & median months on the waiting list at the point of allocation. The table shows allocations to Housing Executive properties and housing association properties in addition to combined allocations.

Please note in the interests of Data Protection we have had to remove the months for some HNAs where there was less than 10 allocations and where the months were substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average.

Allocations from 01/01/22 to 31/12/22 at Belfast HNAs, Belfast LGD & N. Ireland Level by Mean & Median Months on the Waiting List at the Point of Allocation.						
Allocated By:	Belfast HNAs	No. of Allocations	Mean Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation	Median Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation		
	Ainsworth/Woodvale	21	23.0	15.0		
	Ballygomartin	28	20.3	12.0		
	Donegall Road	31	25.3	12.0		
	Finaghy	23	40.1	34.0		
	Inner East Belfast	64	23.2	17.0		
	Inner West Belfast	55	42.6	30.0		
	Lisburn Road	<10				
	Lower Ormeau	<10				
7	Lower Shankill	31	27.6	15.0		
NIH	Mid Shankill	29	23.7	14.0		
I	Middle East Belfast	17	25.8	16.0		
Π	Middle West Belfast	40	47.3	33.5		
	North Belfast 1	67	37.3	31.0		
	North Belfast 2	108	24.4	16.0		
	Outer East Belfast	42	24.2	19.5		
	Outer West Belfast	33	34.8	26.0		
	Short Strand	<10				
	Upper Ormeau	<10				
	Belfast LGD	615	30.6	21.0		
	N. Ireland	2964	27.4	17.0		

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	Ainsworth/Woodvale	27	14.3	9.0
Housing	Ballygomartin	26	20.1	11.0
	Donegall Road	15	27.9	28.0
	Finaghy	<10	21.4	15.0
	Inner East Belfast	114	24.9	18.0
	Inner West Belfast	70	44.9	34.0
	Lisburn Road	11	30.7	24.0
	Lower Ormeau	27	36.0	29.0
	Lower Shankill	17	13.8	10.0
Association	Mid Shankill	22	17.4	11.5
	Middle East Belfast	89	26.1	13.0
	Middle West Belfast	103	48.8	39.0
	North Belfast 1	198	36.3	29.0
	North Belfast 2	50	22.5	12.0
	Outer East Belfast	19	10.4	6.0
	Outer West Belfast	170	44.1	35.0
	Short Strand	<10	27.6	27.0
	Upper Ormeau	22	24.7	13.5
	Belfast LGD	994	33.7	23.0
D	N. Ireland	2924	29.9	19.0
	Ainsworth/Woodvale	48	18.1	11.5
	Ballygomartin	54	20.2	11.5
	Donegall Road	46	26.1	17.0
	Finaghy	23*	35.7	30.0
B	Inner East Belfast	178	24.3	17.0
Belfast LGD Total	Inner West Belfast	125	43.9	34.0
	Lisburn Road	11*	33.6	24.5
	Lower Ormeau	27*	35.7	27.0
	Lower Shankill	48	22.7	12.5
	Mid Shankill	51	21.0	12.0
	Middle East Belfast	106	26.1	14.0
	Middle West Belfast	143	48.4	37.0
	North Belfast 1	265	36.6	29.0
	North Belfast 2	158	23.8	14.5
نە س	Outer East Belfast	61	19.9	13.0
—	Outer West Belfast	203	42.6	34.0
	Short Strand	13	37.8	27.0
	Upper Ormeau	22*	29.6	15.5
	Belfast LGD	1609	32.5	22.0
N. Ireland Total		5888	28.6	18.0

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Notes:

- Allocations data is available up to 31/12/22 and includes allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties to applicant households.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.
- * Totals minus cases where there are less than 10
- 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.
- 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 Allocations is also provided.