

25 September 2024

Our Ref: FOI 510

Request

We received your request on 05 September 2024 for the following information:

Please provide any information for year 2022/2023 on number of allocations of 1 bedroom properties and points range in the following areas of choice.

*DB01 CLA
WOODSTOCK/RAVENHILL*

*DA72 CLA
CAMBRAI/WOODVALE*

*DA66 CLA
GLENCAIRN*

*DA70 CLA
SHANKILL LWR/HOPEWELL*

Can you please provide the number of applicants on the waiting list for 1 bed properties in the following area's.

*DA72 CLA
CAMBRAI/WOODVALE*

*DA66 CLA
GLENCAIRN*

*DA70 CLA
SHANKILL LWR/HOPEWELL*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

Please provide any information for year 2022/2023 on number of allocations of 1 bedroom properties and points range

The table below provides data on the number of allocations of 1 bedroom properties to applicants on the waiting list in

- Cambrai/Woodvale Common Landlord Area,
- Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill Common Landlord Area,
- Glencairn Common Landlord Area,
- Woodstock/Ravenhill Common Landlord Area,

for a 1-year period from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023. The table also includes the Mean and Median points at the time of allocation. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Allocations 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023 in the requested CLAs (Common Landlord Areas) by Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation			
CLA (Common Landlord Area)	No. of allocations (1-bedroom properties only)	Mean Points at the point of allocation	Median Points at the point of allocation
Cambrai/Woodvale CLA	<10		
Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill CLA	12	130.2	135.0
Glencairn CLA	13	102.0	132.0
Woodstock/Ravenhill CLA	19	142.7	142.0
N. Ireland Total	1,848	128.5	132.0

Notes:

- Allocations are aggregated over a 1-year period from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- 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.

- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.
- 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.
- Please note that in the interest of Data Protection we have had to remove the points and months for some CLAs where there were less than 10 allocations and where the points & months were substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average.

Can you please provide the number of applicants on the waiting list for 1 bed properties

The table below provides data on the number of applicants on the waiting list seeking 1 bedroom properties in

- Cambrai/Woodvale Common Landlord Area,
- Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill Common Landlord Area,
- Glencairn Common Landlord Area,

as at 30th June 2024. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Applicants for 1 bedroom properties*			
CLA	Applicants*	Housing Stress Applicants*	Allocations
Cambrai/Woodvale	75	53	15
Glencairn	36	26	15
Florence/Shankill Lwr/Hopewell	49	38	10

*It should be noted that, in certain circumstances, the Housing Selection Scheme rules can afford an additional bedroom entitlement to an applicant, based on their individual needs. The bedroom entitlement in this dataset corresponds to the minimum bedroom requirements under the rules of the HSS, therefore the 'actual' bedroom need of some applicants included

in it may vary from the 'calculated' need. Allocations are provided for context and are not affected as these figures refer to actual allocated 1 bed properties.

Notes:

- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period.
- Housing Stress refers to people who have been allocated 30 or more points under the Housing Selection Scheme.
- Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive, form part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, which is published quarterly as a National Statistic by the Department for Communities. Therefore, to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data (end June 2024).

This concludes our response.