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Our Ref: FOI 600

Request

We received your request on 21 November 2024 for the following information:

Can you please provide the following data for the period 01/01/2024 to the most recent date possible as allowed by Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007.

The number of 2 bedroom house (not flats) allocations by NIHE within the Ardoyne CLA.

Could also provide the amount of points at allocation each individual had?

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

Our response

The table below provides data on the number of allocations to applicants on the waiting list in Ardoyne Common Landlord Area, narrowed down to 2-bedroom houses and 2-bedroom bungalows only, by Mean and Median Points at the point of allocation for the period from 01/01/2024 to 30/09/2024. Waiting List and allocations statistics are produced quarterly so the 30th September statistics are the most recently available. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Allocations 01/01/2024 - 30/09/2024 to applicants on the waiting list in Ardoyne CLA by Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation			
NIHE CLA / Geography	No. of allocations (2-bedroom houses and 2-bedroom bungalows only)	Mean Points at the point of allocation	Median Points at the point of allocation
Ardoyne CLA	11	177.3	180.0
N. Ireland Total	1,101	164.3	160.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data at the point of the request (allocations up to 30/09/2024)
- Allocations are aggregated over the period from 01/01/2024 to 30/09/2024 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.

The Housing Executive cannot provide you with the number of points each individual had as this information comprises personal data of those individuals and is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

This concludes our response.