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Our Ref: FOI 259

Request

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

I wish to make a request for the following information,

The average (mean and median) points clients had upon allocation of one, and two bedroom properties in the following areas of East Belfast from 01/01/2023-01/12/2023

Ashmount

Dundela

Inverary

Sydenham

Sandbrook

Lisavon

Wandsworth

Edenvale

Garnerville

Knocknagoney

Willowfield

Upper Castlereagh

Castlereagh

Cregaggh

Downshire Park

Flush Park

Sunderland

Woodstock

Ravenhill

Ballyhackamore

Cherryvalley

Clarawood

Branial

Albertbridge Rd

Beersbridge Lwr

The mount
Bloomfield
Ravenscroft
Bridge end
Rotterdam ct
Newtownards rd

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

Our response

The table below provides the requested information. Please observe the notes to the figures provided which explains why some have been anonymised and some cannot be provided.

Allocations to Applicants from 01/01/12 - 31/12/23 by Requested Common Landlord Areas & N. Ireland Level by 1 & 2 Bed Properties and Mean & Median Points at the Point of Allocation.				
CLA	No. of Beds	No. of Allocations	Mean Pts at the Point of Allocation	Median Pts at the Point of Allocation
Ashmount	2	<10		
Dundela	2	<10	115.6	102.0
Inverary	1	10	134.2	128.0
	2	<10	160.0	160.0
Sydenham/Sandbrook/Lisavon	1	<10	181.3	124.0
	2	<10		
Wandsworth	1	<10		
	2	<10	124.0	124.0
Edenvale	2	<10		
Garnerville	1	<10		
	2	<10		
Knocknagoney	1	<10	139.0	139.0
Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road	1	21	138.6	134.0
	2	11	147.8	152.0
Castlereagh	2	<10	152.0	152.0
Cregagh Castlereagh	1	<10	121.6	132.0
	2	<10	142.8	140.0
Downshire Park	2	<10		
Flush Park Belfast	1	<10	144.3	137.0
Sunderland	1	<10	107.8	110.0
Woodstock/Ravenhill	1	26	113.4	116.0
	2	27	148.6	150.0
Ballyhackamore	1	16	99.4	101.0
	2	14	111.3	116.0

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CLA	No. of Beds	No. of Allocations	Mean Pts at the Point of Allocation	Median Pts at the Point of Allocation
Cherryvalley	0	0	0.0	0.0
Clarawood	0	0	0.0	0.0
Branial	1	<10	135.0	135.0
	2	10	132.8	135.0
Albertbridge Rd.	1	<10		
	2	10	144.6	142.0
Lwr Beersbridge/The Mount	1	18	161.0	151.0
	2	14	139.4	137.0
Bloomfield/Ravenscroft	1	25	108.9	108.0
	2	<10	137.3	130.0
Bridge End/Rotherdam Court	0	0	0.0	0.0
Newtownards Road	1	21	161.2	150.0
	2	39	137.7	132.0
N. Ireland Total Allocations to 1 & 2 Bed Properties	1	1854	126.9	130.0
	2	2626	153.4	150.0

Notes:

- When a question of “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 be skewed by significant outliers e.g. applicants with an exceptionally high or low number of points.
 - 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.
- Allocations to transfers includes allocations to Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- <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.

- *In the interests of Data Protection we have had to remove the points for some categories where there was less than 10 allocations and where the points were substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average points.*

This concludes our response.