

15 November 2024

Our Ref: FOI 558

Request

We received your request on 15 October 2024 for the following information:

We are seeking to understand the ethnic and religious characteristics of the cohort of people placed in temporary accommodation in Belfast.

At the smallest unit possible (CLA or ward being preferable, DEA, LGD, or constituency being less preferable), please provide the usage of temporary accommodation provision by ethnicity and religious background for the following quarters: for 2023, April-June, July-September, October-December; for 2024, January-March, April-June, July-September.

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

Our response

The tables below provide a breakdown of temporary accommodation placements for applicants who presented within the Belfast City Council Area and subsequently received a placement within the dates outlined above each respective table.

It should be noted that this refers to the number of placements rather than the number of applicants and some applicants will have received more than placement of temporary accommodation.

Additionally, this refers to the area from which the placement was made rather than the area to which the placement was made. The smallest area for which this information is available, without exceeding the ‘*appropriate limit*’ as defined by the FOI Act, is Council Area. It should be noted that equality monitoring information is not compulsory and the categorisation of ‘*Unknown/Not provided*’ details the numbers for which the information was not collected.

In respect of race the request noted that a category of ‘*Non-white in the Tables should include Black African, Bangladeshi, Black Caribbean, Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, Mixed, Black Other, Other.*’ The Housing Executive has categorised these racial categories within a descriptor of ‘*Other, incl. Mixed*’ rather than ‘*Non-White.*’

In respect of religion the request also noted that a category of ‘*Other in the Tables below should only include Other (Mixed, None, Refused, and Unknown can be included in the total number of applicants)*’. As the provision of such information is non-compulsory, the Housing Executive has included ‘*Unknown/Not Provided*’ as a distinct category.

Table 1

1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Ethnic Origin	
		Ethnic Origin	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	White & Irish Traveller	36
		Other, incl. Mixed	15
		Unknown/Not provided	106
		Total	157
	Non-Standard Accommodation	White & Irish Traveller	149
		Other, incl. Mixed	11
		Unknown/Not provided	286
		Total	446
	DIME	White & Irish Traveller	148
		Other, incl. Mixed	3
		Unknown/Not provided	205
		Total	356
	BFTA	White & Irish Traveller	3
		Other, incl. Mixed	0
		Unknown/Not provided	17
		Total	20
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	White & Irish Traveller	78
		Other, incl. Mixed	4

		Unknown/Not provided	150
		Total	232

Table 2

1st April 2023 – 30th June 2023

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Religious Background	
		Religious Background	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	Catholic	29
		Protestant	9
		Unknown/Not provided	91
		Other	28
		Total	157
	Non-Standard Accommodation	Catholic	108
		Protestant	45
		Unknown/Not provided	258
		Other	35
		Total	446
	DIME	Catholic	74
		Protestant	56
		Unknown/Not provided	192
		Other	34
		Total	356
	BFTA	Catholic	3
		Protestant	1
		Unknown/Not provided	15
		Other	1
		Total	20
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	Catholic	71
		Protestant	11
		Unknown/Not provided	133
		Other	17
		Total	232

Table 3***1st July 2023 – 30th September 2023***

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Ethnic Origin	
		Ethnic Origin	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	White & Irish Traveller	25
		Other, incl. Mixed	8
		Unknown/Not provided	85
		Total	118
	Non-Standard Accommodation	White & Irish Traveller	223
		Other, incl. Mixed	13
		Unknown/Not provided	352
		Total	588
	DIME	White & Irish Traveller	117
		Other, incl. Mixed	14
		Unknown/Not provided	228
		Total	359
	BFTA	White & Irish Traveller	14
		Other, incl. Mixed	0
		Unknown/Not provided	19
		Total	33
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	White & Irish Traveller	87
		Other, incl. Mixed	6
		Unknown/Not provided	135
		Total	228

Table 4**1st July 2023 – 30th September 2023**

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Religious Background	
		Religious Background	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	Catholic	17
		Protestant	10
		Unknown/Not provided	70
		Other	21
		Total	118
	Non-Standard Accommodation	Catholic	134
		Protestant	82
		Unknown/Not provided	329
		Other	43
		Total	588
	DIME	Catholic	65
		Protestant	44
		Unknown/Not provided	227
		Other	23
		Total	359
	BFTA	Catholic	9
		Protestant	4
		Unknown/Not provided	15
		Other	5
		Total	33
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	Catholic	61
		Protestant	22
		Unknown/Not provided	125
		Other	20
		Total	228

Table 5***1st October 2023 – 31st December 2023***

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Ethnic Origin	
		Ethnic Origin	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	White & Irish Traveller	19
		Other, incl. Mixed	6
		Unknown/Not provided	107
		Total	132
	Non-Standard Accommodation	White & Irish Traveller	187
		Other, incl. Mixed	24
		Unknown/Not provided	436
		Total	647
	DIME	White & Irish Traveller	141
		Other, incl. Mixed	9
		Unknown/Not provided	142
		Total	292
	BFTA	White & Irish Traveller	2
		Other, incl. Mixed	0
		Unknown/Not provided	12
		Total	14
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	White & Irish Traveller	56
		Other, incl. Mixed	10
		Unknown/Not provided	141
		Total	207

Table 6**1st October 2023 – 31st December 2023**

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Religious Background	
		Religious Background	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	Catholic	15
		Protestant	5
		Unknown/Not provided	96
		Other	16
		Total	132
	Non-Standard Accommodation	Catholic	99
		Protestant	77
		Unknown/Not provided	400
		Other	71
		Total	647
	DIME	Catholic	46
		Protestant	71
		Unknown/Not provided	149
		Other	26
		Total	292
	BFTA	Catholic	1
		Protestant	2
		Unknown/Not provided	11
		Other	0
		Total	14
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	Catholic	39
		Protestant	17
		Unknown/Not provided	127
		Other	24
		Total	207

Table 7***1st January 2024 – 31st March 2024***

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Ethnic Origin	
		Ethnic Origin	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	White & Irish Traveller	21
		Other, incl. Mixed	8
		Unknown/Not provided	99
		Total	128
	Non-Standard Accommodation	White & Irish Traveller	196
		Other, incl. Mixed	13
		Unknown/Not provided	475
		Total	684
	DIME	White & Irish Traveller	146
		Other, incl. Mixed	2
		Unknown/Not provided	198
		Total	346
	BFTA	White & Irish Traveller	4
		Other, incl. Mixed	1
		Unknown/Not provided	11
		Total	16
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	White & Irish Traveller	70
		Other, incl. Mixed	6
		Unknown/Not provided	150
		Total	226

Table 8**1st January 2024 – 31st March 2024**

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Religious Background	
		Religious Background	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	Catholic	14
		Protestant	4
		Unknown/Not provided	88
		Other	22
		Total	128
	Non-Standard Accommodation	Catholic	107
		Protestant	69
		Unknown/Not provided	437
		Other	71
		Total	684
	DIME	Catholic	95
		Protestant	49
		Unknown/Not provided	191
		Other	11
		Total	346
	BFTA	Catholic	1
		Protestant	2
		Unknown/Not provided	11
		Other	2
		Total	16
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	Catholic	53
		Protestant	17
		Unknown/Not provided	134
		Other	22
		Total	226

Table 9***1st April 2024 – 30th June 2024***

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Ethnic Origin	
		Ethnic Origin	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	White & Irish Traveller	23
		Other, incl. Mixed	10
		Unknown/Not provided	75
		Total	108
	Non-Standard Accommodation	White & Irish Traveller	276
		Other, incl. Mixed	25
		Unknown/Not provided	578
		Total	879
	DIME	White & Irish Traveller	269
		Other, incl. Mixed	0
		Unknown/Not provided	177
		Total	446
	BFTA	White & Irish Traveller	4
		Other, incl. Mixed	0
		Unknown/Not provided	3
		Total	7
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	White & Irish Traveller	65
		Other, incl. Mixed	3
		Unknown/Not provided	152
		Total	220

Table 10***1st April 2024 – 30th June 2024***

Council Area	Temporary Accommodation Type	Number of Placements based on Religious Background	
		Religious Background	Number of Placements
Belfast	Single Lets	Catholic	14
		Protestant	7
		Unknown/Not provided	68
		Other	19
		Total	108
	Non-Standard Accommodation	Catholic	147
		Protestant	112
		Unknown/Not provided	499
		Other	121
		Total	879
	DIME	Catholic	71
		Protestant	168
		Unknown/Not provided	164
		Other	43
		Total	446
	BFTA	Catholic	3
		Protestant	0
		Unknown/Not provided	3
		Other	1
		Total	7
	Hostels funded through Supporting People funding	Catholic	54
		Protestant	15
		Unknown/Not provided	126
		Other	25
		Total	220

This concludes our response.