

15 November 2024

Our Ref: FOI 571

Request

We received your request on 20 October 2024 for the following information:

I am writing to formally request detailed information from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) regarding the legal actions and referrals made by Clanmil Housing Association between 2018 and 2024. Specifically, I request the following information:

1. Court Cases:

- The number of injunctions and evictions initiated by Clanmil Housing Association from 2018 to 2024, broken down by year.*
- A breakdown by:*
- Type of Tenancy: Introductory tenancies or secure tenancies.*
- Reason for Action: Including anti-social behaviour, non-payment of rent, or other grounds.*
- The outcomes of these cases, such as:*
- How many injunctions and evictions were granted or denied by the courts.*
- The legal costs associated with these cases and clarification on who bore these costs—whether Clanmil Housing, the NIHE, or the Department for Communities (DfC).*

2. Household Referrals for Rehousing:

- The number of households referred by Clanmil Housing to NIHE for rehousing between 2018 and 2024.*
- The reasons for these referrals, including, but not limited to, anti-social behaviour, non-payment of rent, or unsafe living conditions.*

3. Referrals for Full Duty Applicant (FDA) Status and Intimidation Points:

- The number of households referred by Clanmil Housing to NIHE for assessment of Full Duty Applicant (FDA) points due to anti-social behaviour from neighbours or other reasons, from 2018 to 2024.*

- *The number of cases where Clanmil Housing tenants were referred to NIHE for the assessment of intimidation points, including:*
- *The breakdown of how many were assessed for full-duty applications points and intimidation points under any of NIHE's points-based system.*
- *The number of intimidation points awarded, including a breakdown by the number of 200-point awards specifically for each of these years.*

4. *Details on Intimidation Points Referrals:*

- *A breakdown of the reasons for which intimidation points were awarded to Clanmil tenants between 2018 and 2024, including categories such as:*
- *Terrorist,*
- *Sectarian,*
- *Racial,*
- *Disability,*
- *Sexual Orientation, etc.*
- *The number of cases Clanmil actively referred to NIHE and championed for the assessment of intimidation points (200 points specifically) each year, between 2018 and 2024 and their individual categories.*

5. *The ratio of Clanmil supply of homes to social housing tenants to the number of clanmil tenants placed on NI housing waiting list for any reason from 2018 through 2024.*

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

Our response

1. Court Cases:

- **The number of injunctions and evictions initiated by Clanmil Housing Association from 2018 to 2024, broken down by year.**
- **A breakdown by:**
- **Type of Tenancy: Introductory tenancies or secure tenancies.**
- **Reason for Action: Including anti-social behaviour, non-payment of rent, or other grounds.**
- **The outcomes of these cases, such as:**
- **How many injunctions and evictions were granted or denied by the courts.**
- **The legal costs associated with these cases and clarification on who bore these costs—whether Clanmil Housing, the NIHE, or the Department for Communities (DfC).**

NIHE as an organisation do not hold that information as it is unrelated to NIHE statutory functions, powers and duties.

2. Household Referrals for Rehousing:

- The number of households referred by Clanmil Housing to NIHE for rehousing between 2018 and 2024.
- The reasons for these referrals, including, but not limited to, anti-social behaviour, non-payment of rent, or unsafe living conditions.

3. Referrals for Full Duty Applicant (FDA) Status and Intimidation Points:

- The number of households referred by Clanmil Housing to NIHE for assessment of Full Duty Applicant (FDA) points due to anti-social behaviour from neighbours or other reasons, from 2018 to 2024.
- The number of cases where Clanmil Housing tenants were referred to NIHE for the assessment of intimidation points, including:
- The breakdown of how many were assessed for full-duty applications points and intimidation points under any of NIHE's points-based system.
- The number of intimidation points awarded, including a breakdown by the number of 200-point awards specifically for each of these years.

4. Details on Intimidation Points Referrals:

- A breakdown of the reasons for which intimidation points were awarded to Clanmil tenants between 2018 and 2024, including categories such as:
- Terrorist,
- Sectarian,
- Racial,
- Disability,
- Sexual Orientation, etc.
- The number of cases Clanmil actively referred to NIHE and championed for the assessment of intimidation points (200 points specifically) each year, between 2018 and 2024 and their individual categories.

The Housing Executive does record the number of homeless applications including those made under the intimidation category. It does not, however, record the source of the application. While there therefore may be referrals from Clanmil, this information is not readily identifiable.

While the Housing Executive holds information within the scope of your request. However, it will not be possible to make this available to you without exceeding the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOI Act.

To provide this would involve for each year, the manual identification and review of all relevant homeless applications to identify any Clanmil tenants at the time of the application, the examination, extraction and tabulation of all the required data and this would take beyond the 'appropriate limit'.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where it is estimated that the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for the Housing Executive is set at £450. This represents the cost of one or more individuals spending 18 hours collectively in determining whether the Housing Executive holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

5. The ratio of Clanmil supply of homes to social housing tenants to the number of clanmil tenants placed on NI housing waiting list for any reason from 2018 through 2024.

We do not hold information to meet this request

This concludes our response.