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**Our Ref: FOI 160**

## **Request**

We received your request on 25 September 2023 for the following information:

*Information on male and female housing statistics and male domestic abuse shelters or safe spaces and data on female domestic abuse emergency housing or shelters*

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

## **Clarification received on 22 October**

*I was looking for information on how many males have become homeless due to domestic abuse in the previous year. How many females have become homeless due to domestic violence in the previous year. If you have information on how many female victims of domestic violence got emergency housing and in what time frame from being forced to leave their homes to getting housed either in emergency housing or in a shelter run for victims of domestic violence . The same information for male victims of domestic violence. I'm not talking about shelters for men or women, specifically I'm looking for information on shelters or secure accommodation for female victims of domestic violence and male victims of domestic violence. If you have a break down of this data for each regions in n.ireland please. I would like information on how many secure places are available for female victims who are fleeing there home because of domestic violence in n.ireland, by region if you have it, and how many of the same secure places are available for males who had to flee there home because of domestic violence. Thank you.*

## Our response

1. I was looking for information on how many males have become homeless due to domestic abuse in the previous year. How many females have become homeless due to domestic violence in the previous year?

Within the 2022/23 year 1,061 households were accepted by the Housing Executive as homeless on the basis of Domestic abuse and these 1,061 households are broken down in the table below by the gender of the head of household.

Acceptance Reason	Female	Male	Grand Total
Domestic Abuse	916	145	1061
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1061</b>

2. How many female victims of domestic violence got emergency housing and in what time frame from being forced to leave their homes to getting housed either in emergency housing or in a shelter run for victims of domestic violence. The same information for male victims of domestic violence.

The Housing Executive does not hold the information in the form requested as individuals may not always present to the Housing Executive on leaving their home, but may self-refer to hostels or stay with friends or family members, all prior to approaching the Housing Executive. At that point an application will be opened, however, details of the length of stay in any other previous arrangement will not be required.

The table below details the number of households, accepted as statutorily homeless by the Housing Executive during 2022/23, who were provided with a temporary accommodation placement by the Housing Executive during 2022/23.

	Placement Accepted
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>262</b>
Female	213
Male	49
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>262</b>

3. I'm looking for information on shelters or secure accommodation for female victims of domestic violence and male victims of domestic violence. If you have a breakdown of this data for each regions in N. Ireland please. I would like information on how many secure places are available for female victims who are fleeing their home because of domestic violence in N. Ireland, by region if you have it, and how many of the same secure places are available for males who had to flee their home because of domestic violence.

Please find regional information on Supporting People (SP) funded accommodation for women at risk of domestic violence by Council area. Supporting People, currently, do not fund services for male victims of DV.

SP Service Provision by Council Area	Capacity
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	19
Ards & North Down Borough Council	7
Belfast City Council	33
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council	10
Derry City & Strabane District Council	23
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	9
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	12
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	5
Mid Ulster District Council	9
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	11
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>138</b>

This concludes our response.