

05 April 2024

Our Ref: FOI 330

Request

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

Please could you provide any information held by NIHE as to:

- a) the number of tenants against whom the NIHE has brought formal legal action for eviction in the last 12 months in both NIHE owned and properties and those belonging to other landlords, organisations or companies but let to NIHE tenants eg single lets*
- b) the total number of tenants successfully evicted in the last 12 months*
- c) the recorded reason for either the legal action or the eviction eg tenancy succession, anti social behaviour, rent arrears etc*

Please also direct me to any previously published statistics or data which could answer my query more quickly.

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

Our response

- a) The number of tenants against whom the NIHE has brought formal legal action for eviction in the last 12 months in both NIHE owned and properties and those belonging to other landlords, organisations or companies but let to NIHE tenants eg single lets –**

Legal action commenced against 383 Housing Executive tenants for non-payment of rent/rates.

From 5 March 2023 to 5 March 2024 NIHE Legal Services has issued legal action for eviction against 20 NIHE tenants.

NIHE takes legal action in respect of its own properties. It does not and cannot bring proceedings against those in single lets. Any proceedings taken in those circumstances are a matter for the property owner in question.

b) The total number of tenants successfully evicted in the last 12 months –

26 repossessions carried out on Housing Executive properties for non-payment of rent/rates.

The total number of tenants successfully evicted pursuant to actions taken for reasons other than non-payment of rent/rates within the time period indicated is 5.

c) The recorded reason for either the legal action or the eviction eg tenancy succession, anti social behaviour, rent arrears etc-

All legal action and subsequent evictions carried out under Income Collection Policy guidance are as a result of non-payment of rent/rates charges.

The recorded reason for the legal action in cases other than those taken for non-payment of rent is anti-social behaviour and breach of tenancy (to include non-occupation). The information provided does not cover succession cases because the proceedings in those cases are issued against non NIHE tenants (usually a family member of a tenant).

This concludes our response.