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Request

We received your request on 09 January 2025 for the following information:

Please confirm the number of families requesting 3+ bedrooms wheelchair accessible properties in Belfast

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

Our response

The table below provides waiting list and allocations data, as at end September 2024, for 3-bed accommodation for wheelchair applicants in Belfast Local Government District. The figures should be read in conjunction with the following notes.

Waiting List figures are produced quarterly and so the most up to date figures are as at 31st December 2024. However, Waiting List Statistics are included in the Department for Communities Housing Bulletin which is designated as a National Statistic.

Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 states that 'the person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to those statistics.' Provision of the requested figures before publication of the DfC Housing Bulletin in which the dataset from which they would be drawn is published would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of parts T3.3 and T3.4.

The December 2024 figures are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act - disclosure prohibited by other legislation. The December 2024 figures can be made available upon request subsequent to the publication of the next Bulletin.

| Belfast LGD | Wheelchair Applicants | Wheelchair Applicants in Housing Stress | Wheelchair Allocations |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 3 Bed Accommodation | 17 | 17 | <10 |

Notes:

- Please note that where there are less than 10 allocations, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.
- Applicant Information (applicants and applicants in housing stress) is as at 30th September 2024.
- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12-month period.

This concludes our response.