

**HOUSING SERVICES** 

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### Request

We received your request on 03 April 2024 for the following information:

- The overall number of people staying in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse in 2018 and 2023.

- The number of women, men and children staying in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse in 2018 and 2023.

- The average length of stay in temporary accommodation overall and for women, men and children, during 2023 and 2018.

- The longest stay in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse during 2023 and 2018.

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

#### **Our response**

1. The overall number of people staying in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse in 2018 and 2023.

The Housing Executive records use of Temporary Accommodation by household placement.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 the Housing Executive made 207 placements into Temporary Accommodation where there was a homelessness reason of Domestic Abuse.

From 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 the Housing Executive made 428 placements into Temporary Accommodation where there was a homelessness reason of Domestic Abuse.

It should be noted that a household may be placed on more than one occasion within the time periods requested. This also does not include households that may have selfreferred to Temporary Accommodation facilities and not approached the Housing Executive.

2. The number of women, men and children staying in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse in 2018 and 2023.

The Housing Executive records placements by household type only and therefore this data is not available.

# 3. The average length of stay in temporary accommodation overall and for women, men and children, during 2023 and 2018.

Where homelessness reason was Domestic Abuse and the placement start date was between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 the average length of stay in Temporary Accommodation was 192.7 days.

Where the placement start date was between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2018 the average length of stay in Temporary Accommodation was 131.6 days.

# 4. The longest stay in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse during 2023 and 2018.

The longest length of stay of where the homelessness reason was domestic abuse and the placement start date was between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was 2,021 days.

The longest length of stay of where the homelessness reason was domestic abuse and the placement start date was between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 was 468 days.

This concludes our response.