

July 23

## **SHDP, Waiting List and Housing Need in Belfast City Council Area**

### **1- Break down per year of how many social housing units have been built in Belfast City Council area since 2016 to now.**

The Social Housing Development Programme is managed on a financial year basis. The below table provides the number of new social housing units that have been completed in the Belfast City Council area from 2016/17 to 2022/23.

Council Area	Year						
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Belfast	416	468	386	319	303	113	405

Please note that these figures include all Scheme Types. Full details of Scheme Types can be found at <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/scheme-types>.

### **2- Break down per year of how many social housing units have been rejected by Belfast City Council since 2016 to now.**

The Housing Executive does not hold information meeting the description of your request. The Housing Executive does not carry out the construction of new social housing. This is carried out by registered housing associations. Information on refusal of planning permission may be obtainable from Belfast City Council directly.

**3- Break down of the waiting list figures at the end of each financial year (31st March) from 2016 and how many people are currently on the waiting list.**

The table below shows the number of people on the Waiting List as at 31<sup>st</sup> March each year from 2016 to 2023. Please be advised that Waiting List figures are produced quarterly and the latest available statistics for 2023 are as at March 2023.

The 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 figures will not be available until they have been published in the DfC quarterly Housing Bulletin. This is because the DfC Housing Bulletin is 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 June 2023 figures are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act - disclosure prohibited by other legislation. The June 2023 figures can be made available upon request subsequent to the publication of the next Bulletin.

<b>Belfast Local Government District 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>All Applicants</b>	<b>Applicants in Housing Stress</b>	<b>Allocations to Applicants</b>
<b>2016</b>	10813	7134	2358
<b>2017</b>	10738	7322	2361
<b>2018</b>	10136	7336	2195
<b>2019</b>	10747	8011	1998
<b>2020</b>	10819	8143	1880
<b>2021</b>	11858	8783	1504
<b>2022</b>	12237	9307	1558
<b>2023</b>	12175	9531	1582

**4- How many new social housing units does the Northern Ireland Housing Executive believe is needed to match the current social housing shortage in the Belfast City Council area?**

The table below provides the 5 year social housing need projection 2022-2027 for the Belfast Local Government District.

<b>Belfast LGD</b>	<b>Social Housing Need</b>
2022-2027	7984

**5- Break down per year of how many social housing units have been built per year by Council area per year since 2016.**

The Social Housing Development Programme is managed on a financial year basis. The below table provides the number of new social housing units that have been completed by Council area from 2016/17 to 2022/23.

<b>Council Area</b>	<b>Year</b>						
	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
Antrim & Newtownabbey	123	57	117	107	132	30	155
Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon	17	5	48	25	7	66	38
Belfast	416	468	386	319	303	113	405
Causeway Coast & Glens	55	111	94	73	98	80	67
Derry & Strabane	169	269	225	505	207	148	545
Fermanagh & Omagh	2	0	6	25	18	9	0
Lisburn & Castlereagh	159	142	81	173	98	126	97
Mid & East Antrim	44	107	206	181	169	59	60
Mid Ulster	123	71	82	42	30	54	15
Newry Mourne & Down	42	56	126	52	117	105	51
North Down & Ards	237	221	311	124	125	45	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>1,449</b>

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