

18 October 2024

Our Ref: FOI 534

Request

We received your request on 30 September 2024 for the following information:

With regard to the Hate Incident Practical Action scheme we request the following information:

- 1) What information is recorded regarding applications to the scheme?
- 2) What information is recorded regarding decisions made about applications to the scheme?
- 3) What information is recorded on actions taken in response to those decisions? (e.g. repairs; security features installed; advice given etc.)
- 4) Please supply an overview of the number of applications received, decisions made and responses in the years 2022/23, 2023/24 and to date in 2024/25, for (a) South Belfast; (b) Belfast as a whole; (c) Northern Ireland as a whole.

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

Our response

- 1) The Hate Incident Practical Action (HIPA) Scheme is jointly supported by Department of Justice (DOJ), Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), Department for Communities (DfC) and the Housing Executive.

The information recorded regarding applications to the scheme include as follows:

- Date HIPA Recommendation received;
- Victim details - name, address, telephone number, email address;
- Landlord/owner details (required for consent purposes)- name, address, telephone number, email address;
- Tenure- Housing Executive, Housing Association, Owner Occupier, Privately Rented;
- Brief details of the incident;
- Hate Crime Type - Racist/Sectarian/Homophobic /Faith-Religion/Disability/Transphobic;
- If there has been a referral to Fire & Rescue Service for fire safety advice;
- What works have been recommended to carried out; and
- Amount to be paid in respect of the repair.

- 2) The information recorded by the Housing Executive regarding decisions made about applications to the scheme include when the recommended works have been completed, including where appropriate, whether the recommendation has been referred to the Steering Group for decision, as well as outcome of the Steering Group meeting.
- 3) The information recorded on actions taken in response to those decisions (e.g. repairs, security features installed, advice given, etc. is as follows on the HIPA referral form:
 - If there has been a follow up visit by local Crime Prevention Officer and if applicable issue of personal attack alarm; and
 - Referral to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service for fire safety advice where appropriate.

In addition, Housing Executive record

- Details of emergency repair (Level 1) to secure property including wind/water repairs if appropriate; and
 - Level 2 repair work completed.
- 4) Please supply an overview of the number of applications received, decisions made and responses in the years 2022/23, 2023/24 and to date in 2024/25, for (a) South Belfast; (b) Belfast as a whole; (c) Northern Ireland as a whole.

2022/23

(a) **2** South Belfast (b) **3** Belfast as a whole (c) **8** Northern Ireland as a whole

2023/24

(a) **1** South Belfast (b) **1** Belfast as a whole (c) **8** Northern Ireland as a whole

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(a) **0** South Belfast (b) **1** Belfast as a whole (c) **6** Northern Ireland as a whole

This concludes our response.