

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000

## Request

I am writing to make a formal request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:

1. In the following years (22/23, 23/24, and since the executive was reformed in February 2024):  
Of the Home Repair Assistance Grants completed, how many were completed because they were directly linked to the mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant.
2. How many cases are awaiting to be reviewed by the exceptional circumstances committee for Home Repair Assistance Grants only.
3. I believe you award Home Repair Assistance Grants in date order when funding is available, so could you please provide information in relation to what date the housing executive is on currently. Further, how many cases fall after the date the housing executive is currently on (ie, how many cases does that leave on the waiting list where the applicant has been told they meet the criteria but has not yet been reviewed by the committee).
4. For each of the following years individually: 22/23, 23/24 and since the executive was reformed in February 2024, what is the financial sum of Home Repair Assistance grants paid out by year.

## Response

**1. In the following years 22/23, 23/24, and since the executive was reformed in February 2024): Of the Home Repair Assistance Grants completed, how many were completed because they were directly linked to the mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant.**

For the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2024 there were two Home Repair Assistance Grants completed, that were directly linked to a mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant.

## 2. How many cases are awaiting to be reviewed by the exceptional circumstances committee for Home Repair Assistance Grants only.

There are no Home Repair Assistance grants awaiting review by the Exceptional Circumstances Committee (ECC).

Since budget restrictions were imposed all initial enquiries, those enquiries which had inspections but not progressed to ECC or had completed ECC and were progressing towards application were cancelled.

The number of Home Repair Assistance Grants cancelled from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2024 is 107.

## 3. I believe you award Home Repair Assistance Grants in date order when funding is available, so could you please provide information in relation to what date the housing executive is on currently. Further, how many cases fall after the date the housing executive is currently on (ie, how many cases does that leave on the waiting list where the applicant has been told they meet the criteria but has not yet been reviewed by the committee).

Home Repair Assistance Grants are not awarded in date order.

Should budget for discretionary grants be made available the Housing Executive will contact, by date of enquiry, those who have made an enquiry and had the enquiry cancelled to determine if they wish to proceed further.

## 4. For each of the following years individually: 22/23, 23/24 and since the executive was reformed in February 2024, what is the financial sum of Home Repair Assistance grants paid out by year.

**Table 1**

HRA Spend by financial year	£
2022-23	177,688.39
2023-24*	54,245.23

\*Please note: figures for 2023/24 are provisional and subject to audit approval.

**Table 2**

<b>*HRA Spend since Executive reformed</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Feb – March 24 (2023-24)</b>	<b>2,360.55</b>
<b>April 24 (2024-25)</b>	<b>1,363.35</b>
<b>Total HRA Spend since Executive reformed</b>	<b>3,723.90</b>

\* £2,360.55 is included within £54,245.23 spend in 2023-24 in table 1 above.

This concludes our response.