

February 2023

Homelessness Data

- 1. Please can you provide figures for the number of people who are presenting as homeless and who are citing domestic violence as the reason over the past year – December 2021-December 2022.**

The data requested for some of the questions below (apart from questions 2 & 5) is published periodically on the Department for Communities website as part of the NI Homelessness Bulletin. Not all data for 2022 has as yet been published (data up to September 2022 has been published) and further disclosure would be currently exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the FOI Act 2000 as publication will be made in due course by the Department.

Information on the number of Presenters to the Housing Executive as a result of Domestic Violence for the period from April 2016 can be found [here](#) which I trust meets your request.

- 2. What percentage of total number of homelessness cases – do domestic violence cases account for?**

Based on the figures published for Jan-Sept 2022, 861 presentations due to domestic violence out of a total of 12,162 presentations for all presentation reasons, 6.9% of presenters to the Housing Executive made their presentation on the basis of Domestic Violence.

- 3. How do the domestic violence-related homelessness cases compare to the previous 12 months – December 2020-December 2021?**

Please see the response to Q.1 above

- 4. How do the domestic violence-related cases compare to before the pandemic (2019) and, if possible five years ago (2017)?**

Please see the response to Q.1 above

- 5. Please provide figures for the number of families with children presenting as homeless as a result of domestic violence over the past 12 months - December 2021-December 2022?**

As per Q.1 published data is limited to September 2022, and there have been 427 households categorised as families who have presented as homeless due to domestic abuse. It should be noted these figures have been extracted from a live database on 27th January 2022.