



12 September 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 890

Your request for information received on 11 August 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

I am working towards achieving my online Degree in Anthropology and your work in this subject area would be beneficial.

In particular;

Question 1.

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(First choice area)*

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Question 8

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Clarification received for Q3 & Q4;

Q3 - If accessible I would like to avail of statistics from 2020 to 2025. Thank you.

Q4 - To fulfill my assignment requirements it will be just NMDDC constituents. I may ask for information on the former at a later stage. Thank you.

Our response

Question 1.

Statistics for persons presenting as homeless to Newry Mourne and Down areas. (Reasons for homeless if available)

The table below outlines homelessness presentations and acceptances by homelessness reason for the Newry, Mourne and Down council area from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Newry, Mourne and Down 2024/25		
Homelessness Reason	Presentations	Acceptances
Sharing Breakdown \ Family Dispute	272	161
Accommodation Not Reasonable	260	220
Loss of Rented Accommodation	235	141
Marital \ Relationship Breakdown	99	50
Neighbourhood harassment	62	25
Domestic Violence	48	37
No Accommodation in Northern Ireland	25	11
Release from Hospital\Prison\Other Institution	22	16

Intimidation	14	6
Bomb\Fire Damage (Civil Disturbance)	6	1
Mortgage Default	5	6
Other	4	1
No Presenting Reason Recorded	3	
Fire/Flood/Other Emergency	2	2
Grand Total	1057	677

Question 2.

Statistics for persons presenting as homeless, where their current living conditions do not meet their need.

The figures for homelessness presentations and acceptances due to Accommodation Not Reasonable are included within the table above.

‘Accommodation Not Reasonable’ refers to homeless applicants whose accommodation is such that it is unreasonable for them to continue to occupy it, due either to the characteristics of the property or the personal circumstances of the applicant.

Question 3.

Statistics for homeless waiting lists? (First choice area)

Further to your clarification of 20th August, in which you confirmed your areas of interest was Newry, Mourne and Down and NI as a whole, the table below provides you with the number of applicants, applicants in Housing Stress and applicants with FDA status on the Waiting List, as well as numbers of allocations to those groups as at 31st March for the 5 years to 2025.

Waiting List and allocations statistics are produced quarterly, so the most recently available are as at 30th June 2025. We have included this information also.

The tables must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

All Applicants							
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	June 2025
Newry, Mourne & Down LGD	3,309	3,766	3,849	3,885	3,986	3,950	3,922
NI total	38,745	43,971	44,426	45,105	47,312	49,083	49,129

Applicants in Housing Stress							
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	June 2025
Newry, Mourne & Down LGD	2,641	2,976	3,048	3,133	3,286	3,242	3,207
NI total	27,745	30,288	31,407	32,633	35,464	37,635	37,939

Applicants with FDA Status							
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	June 2025
Newry, Mourne & Down LGD	2,047	2,311	2,434	2,588	2,790	2,803	2,779
NI total	20,951	22,217	23,978	26,310	29,394	31,719	32,159

Allocations to all Applicants							
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	June 2025
Newry, Mourne & Down LGD	425	369	386	348	365	377	401
NI total	6,654	5,844	6,010	5,796	5,710	6,054	6,173

Allocations to FDA							
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	June 2025
Newry, Mourne & Down LGD	394	346	367	331	355	365	388
NI total	6,018	5,295	5,379	5,293	5,337	5,761	5,875

Notes:

Applicant Information (all applicants, applicants in housing stress and FDA) is as at end of the respective month and year.

Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period.

FDA refers to Full Duty Applicants – these are applicants accepted as being homeless, to whom the Housing Executive owes a duty under the Homelessness legislation, Article 10(2) of the Housing (NI) Order, 1988 to “secure that accommodation becomes available for his/her occupation”.

Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive, form part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, which is published quarterly as a National Statistic by the Department for Communities. Therefore, to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data June 2025.

Question 4.**Support Services aimed at combatting homelessness across the northern constituates.**

The Supporting People (SP) Programme, which is administered by the Housing Executive on behalf of the Department for Communities, provides grant funding for the provision of housing support services, to enable vulnerable people to live as independently as possible in the community. It is focused on four thematic areas; working with people who are experiencing homelessness, young people, older people and people with a disability (including mental health and learning disabilities).

SP funded provision includes; short-term accommodation-based services for those in housing need (e.g. homeless hostels and refuges for victims of domestic violence).

Floating Support services to maintain peoples independence in their own home, regardless of tenure type (typically for up to 2 years in duration). Long-term

Accommodation based services to enable individuals to sustain a home (e.g. where the person has a tenancy, housing-related support is provided to assist the maintenance of their tenancy) and for some service users with more enduring or complex needs, support is provided on an ongoing peripatetic basis in their own home.

SP Funded Provision in the Newry Mourne and Down District Council Area is detailed below. Please note that Floating support is often be delivered over a wider geographical area.

Provider Name	Service Name	Thematic Group	Primary Client Group	Service Type	Service capacity	Primary Local Government District
Cuan Mhuire NI Ltd.	Cuan Mhuire - Supported Living Accomodation Short Term	Homelessness	People with Alcohol Problems	Accommodation Based Service	70	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Extern Northern Ireland	Floating Support Criminal Justice	Homelessness	Offenders or People at risk of Offending	Floating Support Service	135	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
NIACRO	Assisting People And Communities Project	Homelessness	Offenders or People at risk of Offending	Floating Support Service	94	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
NIHE	Glebetown	Homelessness	Homeless Families with Support Needs	Accommodation Based Service	5	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Simon Community	14 Saul Street - 2	Homelessness	Single Homeless with Support Needs	Accommodation Based Service	8	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Simon Community	63-65 Bridge Street - 1	Homelessness	Single Homeless with Support Needs	Accommodation Based Service	17	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Women's Aid Armagh Down Ltd	Newry Refuge	Homelessness	Women at Risk of	Accommodation based with floating/resettle	11	Newry Mourne & Down District Council

			Domestic Violence	ment/outreach support		
Macs Supporting Young People	Downpatrick Supported Housing	Young People	Young People	Accommodation Based Service	7	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Macs Supporting Young People	Newry Supported Housing	Young People	Young People	Accommodation Based Service	7	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Alpha Housing (NI) Limited	Killyleagh	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	10	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Alpha Housing (NI) Limited	McManus Court	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	35	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Choice Housing Ireland Limited	Aughrim Court	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	24	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Choice Housing Ireland Limited	Craignagore	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	35	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Choice Housing Ireland Limited	St Bronaghs	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	40	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Choice Housing Ireland Limited	The Rowans	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	40	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Mind Wise New Vision	Ben Crom Close Kilkeel	Older People	Frail Elderly	Accommodation Based Service	14	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Clanrye Fold	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	36	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Clochain Fold	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	12	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Corliss Fold	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	25	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Hamilton Fold	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	24	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Merchants Court	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	23	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Newcastle Floating Support Scheme	Older People	Older people with support needs	Floating Support Service	12	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Newcastle Hub	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	65	Newry Mourne & Down District Council

Radius Housing Association Limited	Quoile Fold	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	42	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Riverview	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	31	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Radius Housing Association Limited	Tullyvullan Fold	Older People	Older people with support needs	Accommodation Based Service	12	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Cedar Court Supported Housing	Older People	Older people with mental health problems/dementia	Accommodation Based Service	24	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Kilkeel Floating Support Scheme	Older People	Older people with support needs	Floating Support Service	22	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Autism Initiatives	12 Alan Close	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	4	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Autism Initiatives	Donard Murray	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	9	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Autism Initiatives	Promenade Newcastle	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	11	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Camphill Community Mourne Grange	Camphill Mourne Grange	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	54	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Inspire Mental Health	Bess Brook	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	2	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Inspire Mental Health	Cole Court	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	2	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Inspire Mental Health	Damolly	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	1	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Mind Wise New Vision	The Forge - Kilkeel	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	7	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Praxis Care	3 Arthur Street	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	6	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Praxis Care	Kilmorey House	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	7	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	16 Ardmeen Green	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	4	Newry Mourne & Down District Council

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	44 Ardmeen Green	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	3	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	53 Ardglass Road Downpatrick	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	18	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Floating Support	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Floating Support Service	15	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Inch	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	9	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Slievegrane	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	10	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Aldergrove House Shsct	Disability	People with Mental Health Problems	Accommodation Based Service	11	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Ardaveen Manor Bessbrook	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	12	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Floating Support - Shsct	Disability	People with Physical or Sensory Disability	Floating Support Service	53	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Glanree House & Flats	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	14	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Glanree House Clusters - Supported Living Scheme	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	6	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Shanlieve Cluster Shsct	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	5	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Shanlieve Core Shsct	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	5	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Teach Sona Cluster 2 Shsct	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	2	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Teach Sona Cluster Shsct	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	3	Newry Mourne & Down District Council

Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Teach Sona Core Shsct	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	5	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
The Beeches Professional And Therapeutic Services Ltd	Beeches Small Group Home	Disability	People with Learning Disabilities	Accommodation Based Service	3	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
The Cedar Foundation	Regional Floating Support	Disability	People with Physical or Sensory Disability	Floating Support Service	166	Newry Mourne & Down District Council

Question 5.

The NIHE Strategy Plan 2025 for housing of migrants, asylum seekers, refugees fleeing war.

A copy of the Homelessness Strategy 2022-27, and the associated annual Action Plans and Progress Reports, is available on our website using [this link](#).

The Housing Executive does not have a separate strategy regarding migrants or refugees.

Please be advised that the Housing Executive does not provide accommodation to asylum seekers and has no statutory duty to do so. The Home Office is responsible for housing for asylum seekers.

Question 6.

Currently, are persons presenting as homeless within this group or grouping, considered under one aim and objective for rehoming?

All applicants presenting as homeless in NI are assessed under the Housing (NI) Order 1988. Migrants or those with refugee status are therefore subject to the same processes and procedures as all other homeless applicants.

Please be advised that Asylum Seekers whose claim for asylum was made after 2 April 2000 are not eligible for homelessness assistance or to be allocated a social housing tenancy. Accommodation and Support for Asylum Seekers is provided by the Home Office.

Question 7.

The strategic action plan for a point score scheme under which the above group or grouping will be integrated into the current homeless scheme, for example, point allocation for migrants, asylum seekers, refugees fleeing war within the remit of the NMDDC area. In particular, the Newry District Council Area.

No such strategic plan exists. All social (participating) landlords in Northern Ireland assess and award points in accordance with the Rules of the Housing Selection Scheme. All allocations to social housing are made in line with the Rules of the Housing Selection

Scheme as governed by Article 22 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order, 1981. A copy of the Rules may be found here [Housing Selection Scheme Rules](#)

Question 8

The strategic action plan for home allocation for persons presenting as migrants, asylum seekers, refugees fleeing war.

See response for Question 7.

This concludes our response.