

Response to: FOI_22-23_245

April 2023

Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

For HMO Policy Areas covering Queen's Quarter, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, Queen's Quarter etc.

Please state the following.

- A). How many Landlords/ Persons/ Companies are listed with 2 or more HMO properties listed in the 2023 HMO Register, or equivalent/ alternate Register for the Areas defined in the BMAP HMO Policy Areas, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, University area. And including all those that are physically in Queen's Quarter.
- B) How many Landlords/ Persons/ Companies are listed with 5 or more HMO properties listed in the 2023 HMO Register, or equivalent/ alternate Register for the Areas defined in the BMAP HMO Policy Areas, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, University area. And including all those that are physically in Queen's Quarter. .
- C) How many Landlords/ Persons/ Companies are listed with 10 or more HMO properties listed in the 2023 HMO Register, or equivalent/ alternate Register for the Areas defined in the BMAP HMO Policy Areas, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, University area. And including all those that are physically in Queen's Quarter.
- D) How many Landlords/ Persons/ Companies are listed with 20 or more HMO properties listed in the 2023 HMO Register, or equivalent/ alternate Register for the Areas defined in the BMAP HMO Policy Areas, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, University area. And including all those that are physically in Queen's Quarter.
- E) How many Landlords/ Persons/ Companies are listed with 40 or more HMO properties listed in the 2023 HMO Register, or equivalent/ alternate Register for the Areas defined in the BMAP HMO Policy Areas, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, University area. And including all those that are physically in Queen's Quarter.
- F) How many Landlords/ Persons/ Companies are listed with 60 or more HMO properties listed in the 2023 HMO Register, or equivalent/ alternate Register for the Areas defined in the BMAP HMO Policy Areas, Stranmillis, Sandymount, Holyland, Rugby Road, College Park, Lisburn Road, University area. And including all those that are physically in Queen's Quarter. detail of request

This information is not held by the Housing Executive.

The Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) function transferred from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to local Councils in April 2019 with licensing focused centrally within Belfast City Council (BCC).

When the statutory function was transferred to Councils core HMO records also moved.

Given the transfer of records, we would advise you to submit your query to Belfast City Council for their response, link provided https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/freedom-of-information-requests

Alternatively they may be contacted at:

- Email: nihmo@belfastcity.gov.uk or records@belfastcity.gov.uk (for FOI requests)
- Tel: 028 9027 0428
- Postal address: The NI HMO Unit, Belfast City Council, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BP

Please state the total amount of money paid out to each person or HMO Businesses in the following groups, divided into HMO Policy Areas in 2006, and listed below, for the time period 1999 to 2006, or the time period covering the date of the first and last HMO Grant paid out by NIHE.

This FOI query is in respect of HMO landlords referred to in the NIHE South Belfast Sector Study 2006, as those with "large" HMO property portfolios or equivalent phrase describing same.

The areas in question for which I request this information are those defined as

- 1. Holyland (or Holylands) and surrounding HMO Policy Areas like Agincourt, Rugby Road, College Park, and all those HMO Policy Areas in Queen's Quarter.
- 2. Stranmillis and Sandymount HMO Policy Areas

If you cannot identify the specific persons or HMO Businesses, please identify them as Landlord A, Landlord B etc., or numerically.

For each Landlord please supply the date on which the HMO Grant was received and the total amount received, where multiple HMO Grants were submitted.

If the term HMO Grant was referred to as something different prior to the 29th November 2004 (like 'Shared House' which is what HMOs were still being referred to by Planning and NIHE prior to 29th November 2004.) please state the name of the Grant.

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Records were destroyed in line with the Housing Executive's Disposal of Records Schedule. This was to comply with the requirements of the Public Records Act (NI) 1923, the Disposal of Documents Order (S.R. & O. 1925 No 167) and other relevant legislation affecting determination of retention and disposal actions.

Please also provide figures indicating the total amount of money paid out by NIHE in the areas that qualified for the 'Envelope Schemes' that operated around 1987 to 1989 approximately, in South Belfast in areas like Agincourt Ave.

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Details of whether a member of staff, or anyone related to them, whilst in NIHE or NIHMO, has been an owner of one or more HMOs during the time period January 1999 to 29th November 2004. And please also state same for 30th November 2004 until present.

The Housing Executive can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information requested.

FOI Act Section 40(5B) provides an exemption from the duty to confirm or deny whether requested information is held, if to do so would disclose personal data and would contravene data protection principle (a) in Article 5 of the UK GDPR. However, this should not be taken as conclusive evidence that the information requested exists or does not exist.

Who answered the 2018 Irish News FOI free of charge? NIHE or NIHMO?

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Contact: foi@nihe.gov.uk