

06 December 2023

Our Ref: FOI 184

Request

We received your request on 19 October 2023 for the following information:

- I. Can you provide details of the number of applicants for social housing in each of the 18 constituencies.*
- II. Can you provide details of the number of applicants for social housing that have been given homeless status by the Housing Executive, for each of the 18 constituencies*
- III. Can you provide details of the average (mean) waiting times for applicants for social housing in each of the 18 constituencies for social housing allocations made*
- IV. Can you provide details on what sites the Housing Executive and Housing Associations have for each of the 18 constituencies.*
- V. Can you provide the number of homes currently under construction in each of the 18 constituencies until March 2024.*
- VI. Can you provide details of how many social homes that are due to start construction from April 2024.*
- VII. Can you provide details of what emergency accommodation is available for people in each of the 18 constituencies including for people seeking asylum and to list the types of accommodation, i.e Hotels, Hostels, Refuges, Bed & Breakfast, single lets etc*
- VIII. Can you provide details on how many unoccupied social houses there are in each of the 18 constituencies.*

On 23 October 2023, you provided the following clarification:

Part IV. Land that the Housing Executive has

Part V. Perhaps it would be clearer if I asked for currently under construction within the SHDP until 2024.

Part VI. The actual number of new social housing units for 2024/2025-2026/2027

All broken down for each of the 18 Constituencies. When that information is provided, I will be able to see which housing Association is delivering these new social homes.

On 24 October 2023, you provided further clarification in relation to Parts I and II being for the last financial year

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and our response is below.

Our response

- i. Can you provide details of the number of applicants for social housing in each of the 18 constituencies – information requested for last financial year
- ii. Can you provide details of the number of applicants for social housing that have been given homeless status by the Housing Executive, for each of the 18 constituencies - information requested for last financial year

The table below provides the requested information. Please note the caveats regarding the figures provided.

	June 22				September 22				December 22				March 23			
Parliamentary Constituency	Applicants	Housing Stress	FDA	Allocations	Applicants	Housing Stress	FDA	Allocations	Applicants	Housing Stress	FDA	Allocations	Applicants	Housing Stress	FDA	Allocations
Belfast East	2097	1431	1021	330	2064	1432	1061	308	2082	1452	1090	310	2061	1435	1123	310
Belfast East/South	404	278	199	28	397	281	203	20	383	278	206	20	380	276	211	28
Belfast North	4383	3418	2764	663	4414	3468	2854	616	4395	3455	2861	627	4409	3479	2918	655
Belfast South	2834	2108	1761	288	2848	2158	1824	249	2898	2216	1902	242	2928	2255	1964	248
Belfast South/Strangford	124	101	87	<10	121	97	85	<10	118	90	80	<10	112	88	79	16
Belfast West	3821	3127	2638	521	3835	3155	2694	562	3818	3150	2698	596	3870	3199	2782	564
Belfast West/North	134	86	66	23	123	79	61	26	121	84	65	24	119	86	69	25
Belfast West/South	24	19	17	<10	24	19	18	<10	22	18	18	<10	21	17	17	<10
East Antrim	1721	1203	981	305	1756	1247	1026	298	1745	1260	1037	269	1827	1272	1048	258
East Londonderry	2534	1446	1033	310	2525	1470	1064	330	2537	1491	1108	289	2578	1488	1150	278
Fermanagh South Tyrone	1924	1279	800	209	1948	1309	833	208	1962	1316	860	222	2007	1302	880	222
Foyle	4463	3416	2957	730	4510	3434	3003	759	4545	3492	3065	683	4685	3584	3176	645
Lagan Valley	1984	1513	1195	285	2020	1540	1222	288	1963	1509	1212	327	1945	1496	1222	361
Mid Ulster	1337	828	554	150	1313	819	562	164	1326	824	570	166	1333	833	586	159
Newry & Armagh	2223	1632	1249	279	2249	1654	1265	273	2242	1656	1274	260	2237	1643	1275	236

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North Antrim	2288	1454	1149	376	2394	1552	1230	366	2384	1570	1246	377	2448	1591	1280	354
North Down	1887	1308	994	269	1894	1315	1005	251	1858	1318	1018	242	1940	1360	1055	240
South Antrim	1589	1200	977	334	1639	1247	1021	337	1674	1289	1058	277	1729	1310	1081	271
South Down	2123	1674	1314	201	2123	1685	1343	169	2097	1676	1347	171	2126	1697	1382	169
Strangford	1642	1157	842	316	1693	1209	894	311	1717	1220	899	304	1703	1210	920	287
Upper Bann	2777	1736	1081	321	2756	1727	1101	316	2762	1734	1136	285	2744	1730	1197	268
West Tyrone	1916	1249	787	166	1886	1256	827	180	1870	1273	863	184	1903	1282	895	199
Northern Ireland Total	44229	31663	24466	6115	44532	32153	25196	6044	44519	32371	25613	5888	45105	32633	26310	-

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

*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”.

*The reporting unit for applications is the Common Landlord Area (CLA) and in some places these CLAs traverse parliamentary boundaries so, for reporting purposes, a hybrid parliamentary category has been created. The table below lists the CLAs and the corresponding parliamentary category to provide context.

- iii. Can you provide details of the average (mean) waiting times for applicants for social housing in each of the 18 constituencies for social housing allocations made.

Allocations 01/10/18 - 30/09/23 by Parliamentary Constituency and Mean & Median Months on the Waiting List at the Point of Allocation.			
Parliamentary Constituency	No. of Allocations	Mean Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation	Median Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation
Belfast East	1858	22.4	14.0
Belfast East/South	215	23.6	14.0
Belfast North	3708	25.6	16.0
Belfast South	1539	27.4	16.0
Belfast South/Strangford	72	25.9	14.5
Belfast West	2323	36.2	24.0
Belfast West/North	81	20.8	12.0
East Antrim	1409	21.9	12.0
East Londonderry	1445	26.6	16.0
Fermanagh South Tyrone	1225	22.5	14.0
Foyle	3180	30.1	20.0
Lagan Valley	1666	24.1	16.0
Mid Ulster	866	21.9	12.0
Newry & Armagh	1276	29.7	18.0
North Antrim	2031	21.8	12.0
North Down	1432	23.5	13.0
South Antrim	1391	23.2	13.0
South Down	1069	29.3	18.0
Strangford	1653	19.3	10.0
Upper Bann	1648	22.5	13.0
West Tyrone	1056	23.5	14.0
N. Ireland	31143	25.6	15.0

Notes:

- The Following Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) within an NIHE District cross Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries:

NIHE CLA	Parliamentary Constituency
Cregagh Castlereagh	Belfast East/South
Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road	Belfast East/South

Bridge End / Rotherdam Court	Belfast East/South
Carryduff	Belfast South/Strangford
Ainsworth	Belfast West/North
Twaddell/Upper Woodvale	Belfast West/North
Carrick Hill / Unity Flats	Belfast West/North
Hamill St / John St	Belfast West/South

You will note we have recorded these CLAs separately to allow the reader to make a determination as to where to record them.

- When a question of “average waiting times” or “average points” is asked MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided. Reasons for this include:
 - The MEAN is the arithmetic average and as a statistic can often be unreliable, having been skewed by significant outliers i.e. applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years
 - This degree of skewing makes the arithmetic average, the MEAN, unreliable. Therefore, following expert advice on this matter a methodology that utilises the MEDIAN (a measure of central tendency) as a more reliable indicator in relation to Waiting Lists and Allocations is also provided.
- Allocations data includes allocations to both Housing Executive and Housing Association properties.
- In order to give a better understanding of allocations over time allocations data is aggregated over a 5 year period from the 01/10/18 - 30/09/23.

iv. Can you provide details on what sites the Housing Executive and Housing Associations have for each of the 18 constituencies with development potential for housing.

The below table lists the Housing Executive’s Undeveloped Land Schedule (ULS) sites by NIHE District and Local Council. This information is not recorded by Parliamentary Constituency. ULS sites are those held by the Housing Executive which are suitable for housing or with a presumption in favour of housing.

The Housing Executive does not hold information meeting the description of your request regarding Housing Association owned land.

NIHE ULS Sites 22/23			
District	Location	LGD Area	Site Area (HA)
West Belfast	Hannahstown Hill Site 2	Belfast	4.37
West Belfast	Glen Road, Serviced Site	Belfast	2.17
South Belfast	Posnett Street HA Land Transfer	Belfast	0.60
South Belfast	Hope Street	Belfast	0.92
South Belfast	167-175 Broadway	Belfast	0.04
North Belfast	Mountcollyer Close	Belfast	0.50
North Belfast	Mileriver Street	Belfast	0.38
North Belfast	208-212 Limestone Road	Belfast	0.10
Shankill	Ballygomartin Road, Somerdale Phase 2 - Residual Site	Belfast	3.60
Shankill	Hopewell Crescent	Belfast	0.84
Shankill	166-194 Woodvale Road	Belfast	0.21
North Belfast	West Cliftonpark Avenue	Belfast	0.08
North Belfast	Sunningdale Gardens, Ballysillan Rd	Belfast	0.10
North Belfast	Opposite 24-28 Torrens Crescent, Belfast	Belfast	0.03
Bangor	Old Belfast Road	Ards and North Down	0.30
Bangor	23 Seahill Road, Holywood	Ards and North Down	0.03
Bangor	33 & 37 Seahill Road, Holywood	Ards and North Down	0.03
Bangor	63 & 69 Seahill Road, Holywood	Ards and North Down	0.03
Newtownards	29 Abbot Gardens	Ards and North Down	0.02
Castlereagh	Millmount Retained B	Lisburn and Castlereagh	6.67
Dairyfarm	Glasvey Rise Site 1 Twinbrook	Belfast	0.3
Dairyfarm	Colin Glen Shops, Poleglass	Belfast	0.13

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District	Location	LGD Area	Site Area (HA)
Downpatrick	Windmill View/Drive Site 1	Newry Mourne and Down	0.60
Downpatrick	Ballyhornan Road	Newry Mourne and Down	3.93
Downpatrick	St Dymphnas Site 2	Newry Mourne and Down	3.20
Banbridge	Brookfield Road	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.40
Armagh	Coolmillish Park - Remainder	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	1.22
Armagh	Legarhill (Mullacreevie) Phases 2 & 3	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	1.70
Armagh	Alexander Park	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.08
Armagh	Dalton Road	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.38
Armagh	Legarhill (Mullacreevie) Private Development Lands	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	4.80
Lurgan	Drumellan	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	1.45
Lurgan	Spelga Park, Lurgan	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.40
Lurgan	Calvertstown Road	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.08
Lurgan	Rosmoyle Site 2	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.22
Lurgan	Brownlow Terrace	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.04
Lurgan	Gilpinstown Road	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.36
Lurgan	729 Rosmoyle, Lurgan	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.09
Lurgan	Moyraverty Centre, Lurgan	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	0.24
Fermanagh	Cavanaleck (C'dale Ph2)	Fermanagh and Omagh	0.54
Fermanagh	Brownhill, Irvinestown	Fermanagh and Omagh	1.8
Ballymena	Garvaghy Avenue Residual Lands, Portglenone	Mid and East Antrim	1.06
Ballymena	Ballee Drive Site A	Mid and East Antrim	1.92
Ballymena	Sandown Park, Doury Road	Mid and East Antrim	0.87

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District	Location	LGD Area	Site Area (HA)
Ballymena	Coronation Crescent, Clough	Mid and East Antrim	0.65
Antrim	Newpark	Antrim and Newtownabbey	2.23
N'abbey 1	Old Irish Highway, Rathcoole	Antrim and Newtownabbey	0.33
N'abbey 2	Grange Drive, Ballyclare	Antrim and Newtownabbey	14.70
N'abbey 2	Rashee Drive Site 2	Antrim and Newtownabbey	1.36
N'abbey 2	Rashee Road	Antrim and Newtownabbey	0.36
Carrickfergus	Dunluskin Site 1	Mid and East Antrim	5.04
Carrickfergus	Oakwood Road	Mid and East Antrim	3.53
Carrickfergus	Irish Quarter West	Mid and East Antrim	0.14
Carrickfergus	McKeens Avenue Site 1	Mid and East Antrim	0.18
Carrickfergus	Lower Woodburn	Mid and East Antrim	1.40
Carrickfergus	35-39 Taylors Avenue	Mid and East Antrim	0.02
Larne	Blackcave North 2	Mid and East Antrim	8.55
Larne	Blackcave North 1	Mid and East Antrim	4.99
Larne	Craigyhill Bungalows	Mid and East Antrim	0.04
Ballycastle	Broombeg	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.47
Ballycastle	Ramoan Drive / Mayo Drive	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.65
Ballymoney	Church Road, Rasharkin	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.84
Ballymoney	Station Road Residual Lands, Dunloy	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.54
Ballymoney	West Gate	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.61
Ballymoney	Fenton Park	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.57
Ballymoney	Bellmount, Rasharkin	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.17

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District	Location	LGD Area	Site Area (HA)
Ballymoney	Strand Park	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.03
Ballymoney	Bravallen Road, Lislagan	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.15
Ballymoney	Burnside Park, Balnamore	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.10
Coleraine	Dhu-Varren (Glenbush Drive), Portrush	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.21
Coleraine	Ramsey Pk, Macosquin	Causeway Coast and Glens	1.26
Coleraine	Coastguard Road	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.14
Coleraine	Oakfield Place, Kilrea	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.26
Coleraine	Keely Gardens, Aghadowey	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.13
Coleraine	Church Row, Kilrea	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.04
Coleraine	Glenarm Avenue, Portrush	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.92
Coleraine	Rochester Court, Ballysally	Causeway Coast and Glens	1.24
Waterloo	Cedar Court	Derry and Strabane	0.59
Waterloo	Cedar Street	Derry and Strabane	0.02
Waterloo	Southway, Creggan	Derry and Strabane	1.99
Limavady	Ard-Na-Smol, Dungiven	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.90
Limavady	Burnfoot, Dungiven	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.65
Limavady	Beech Road, Drumurn	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.11
Limavady	Land Between 33 and 34 Ardgavan Cottages	Causeway Coast and Glens	0.04
Magherafelt	McGurks Villas, Gulladuff - Remainder	Mid Ulster	0.20
Magherafelt	Hillmount Crescent, Tobermore Phase 2	Mid Ulster	0.15
Magherafelt	Alexander Park, Upperlands	Mid Ulster	0.57
Magherafelt	Port Gardens/Rock Villas Site 2	Mid Ulster	0.58

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District	Location	LGD Area	Site Area (HA)
Magherafelt	Killowen Drive Site 1	Mid Ulster	0.76
Magherafelt	Hunters Park, Bellaghy	Mid Ulster	0.22
Magherafelt	Sunnyside Drive Site 1	Mid Ulster	0.49
Magherafelt	Westland Drive	Mid Ulster	0.50
Magherafelt	Ballyscullion Road, Magherafelt	Mid Ulster	0.17
Magherafelt	Leckagh Cottages	Mid Ulster	0.31
Strabane	The Crescent, Clady	Derry and Strabane	1.35
Omagh	Gardrum Heights, Dromore	Fermanagh and Omagh	0.36
Omagh	(Drumnaforbe) Loughrey Terrace, Drumquin	Fermanagh and Omagh	1.12
Omagh	Rectory Avenue, Beragh	Fermanagh and Omagh	1.73

- v. **Can you provide the number of homes currently under construction in each of the 18 constituencies until March 2024 (Perhaps it would be clearer if I asked for currently under construction within the SHDP until 2024).**

The table below details the total units currently under construction as part of the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP), broken down by Parliamentary Constituency. Note that this includes units which have started to-date in the 2023/24 SHDP year.

Parliamentary Constituency	Total SHDP Units Under Construction
East Antrim	292
North Antrim	277
South Antrim	164
Upper Bann	136
East Belfast	315
North Belfast	150
South Belfast	301

West Belfast	973
North Down	37
South Down	112
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	124
Foyle	1,266
Lagan Valley	285
East Londonderry	57
Mid Ulster	5
Newry & Armagh	553
Strangford	80
West Tyrone	312
Total	5,439

- vi. **Can you provide details of how many social homes that are due to start construction from April 2024. The actual number of new social housing units for 2024/2025-2026/2027. Information broken down in each of the 18 constituencies.**

The table below details the total units currently programmed to start as part of the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) for the period 2023/24 – 2025/26, broken down by Parliamentary Constituency. Note that this does not include units which have started to-date in the 2023/24 SHDP year.

Please note that the SHDP for the period 2024/25 – 2026/27 is currently being formulated, and publication will be subject to Housing Executive Board and Departmental Approval. Further scheme proposals are expected to be added across all Parliamentary Constituencies in due course.

Parliamentary Constituency	Total SHDP Units Programmed to Start 2023/24 - 2025/26
East Antrim	97
North Antrim	178
South Antrim	116
Upper Bann	129
East Belfast	459
North Belfast	602
South Belfast	135

West Belfast	606
North Down	137
South Down	28
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	230
Foyle	752
Lagan Valley	176
East Londonderry	418
Mid Ulster	81
Newry & Armagh	178
Strangford	30
West Tyrone	76
Total	4,428

- vii. **Can you provide details of what emergency accommodation is available for people in each of the 18 constituencies including for people seeking asylum and to list the types of accommodation, i.e Hotels, Hostels, Refuges, Bed & Breakfast, single lets etc**

The Housing Executive does not provide emergency accommodation for those seeking asylum but will provide, on a NI wide basis, temporary accommodation for those to whom we owe a duty as per the Housing (NI) Order

It should be noted that the Housing Executive does not routinely record the number of temporary accommodation units available as this is subject to change on a daily basis and particularly so for categories such as Single Lets and Non-standard which can change as and when units of temporary accommodation are added or removed from the temporary accommodation portfolio.

Furthermore, this information is not recorded by parliamentary constituency and therefore, the table below refers to the council area in which the unit of temporary accommodation is located. This information is not collected as a matter of routine due to the aforementioned change in provision and therefore, the attached table reflects the most recent date on which this information was compiled and reflects temporary accommodation provision in mid-September 2023.

Additionally, the Housing Executive will access non-standard accommodation across Northern Ireland. Non-standard accommodation is hotel/B&Bs which are used for as short a duration as possible and only in the absence of availability of any of the other options above.'

Council	Bespoke Facility for Temporary Accommodation (BFTA)	Dispersed Intensively Managed Emergence Accommodation (DIME)	HMO	NIHE Temp Acc	Single Let	Housing Association Temp Acc	Voluntary Sector Hostel*
Antrim & Newtownabbey	0	0	0	52	140	0	0
Ards & North Down	0	0	0	7	202	5	33
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	0	0	0	8	220	0	54
Belfast	39	118	6	109	1134	12	751
Causeway Coast & Glens	0	0	0	23	38	0	25
Derry & Strabane	0	0	0	51	356	0	289
Fermanagh & Omagh	0	0	0	11	151	0	17
Lisburn & Castlereagh	0	0	0	1	202	0	42
Mid & East Antrim	0	0	0	34	115	0	84
Mid Ulster	0	0	0	4	87	0	51
Newry, Mourne & Down	0	0	0	19	196	0	36

viii. Can you provide details on how many unoccupied social houses there are in each of the 18 constituencies.

The table below sets out the number of void Housing Executive properties -

- as of 15th November 2023
- broken down by parliamentary constituency.

Constituency	Actionable Voids*	Non-Actionable Voids**
BELFAST EAST	77	243
BELFAST NORTH	47	197
BELFAST SOUTH	48	117
BELFAST WEST	12	63
EAST ANTRIM	36	161
EAST LONDONDERRY	31	29
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	20	10
FOYLE	20	34
LAGAN VALLEY	37	120
MID ULSTER	13	<10
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	17	33
NORTH ANTRIM	22	75
NORTH DOWN	19	17
SOUTH ANTRIM	16	21
SOUTH DOWN	<10	24
STRANGFORD	21	22
UPPER BANN	26	52
WEST TYRONE	15	23
Grand Total	481	1247

**Actionable voids are properties which are vacant while in the process of being allocated/awaiting change of tenancy repairs. These may also include properties deemed to be difficult to let.*

***Non-Actionable voids are properties that are not immediately available for allocation and are held vacant for operational reasons i.e. decanting purposes (where they are being used to house a tenant on a temporary basis pending works to their home), planned maintenance schemes, and properties which have been identified for sale/transfer or have approval for demolition.*

This concludes our response.