

01 December 2023

**Our Ref: FOI 176**

## Request

We received your request on 01 November 2023 for the following information:

- 1. a breakdown of housing stock that NIHE owns*
- 2. I am also looking to find out about payment for the homes:*  
  
*do NIHE tenants pay a flat subsidised rate for homes if they are working?*  
  
*Or have rent payments deducted from their benefits if they are not?*  
  
*And if so, what is the average going rate a tenant would pay for an NIHE dwelling?*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

## Our response

1. The table below details the Housing Executive's stock total as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, broken down by area office.

AREA	GROSS STOCK
NORTH BELFAST	5846
SOUTH & EAST BELFAST	9468
WEST BELFAST	9711
LISBURN AS	5276
<b>BELFAST REGION</b>	<b>30301</b>

ARDS & NORTH DOWN	6155
SOUTH DOWN	5146
SOUTH	7278
SOUTH WEST	3549
MID ULSTER	3800
<b>SOUTH REGION</b>	<b>25928</b>
SOUTH ANTRIM	6176
MID & EAST ANTRIM	5580
CAUSEWAY	6451
WEST	8518
<b>NORTH REGION</b>	<b>26725</b>
<b>N.I. TOTAL</b>	<b>82954</b>

- At the end of March 2023, approximately 53% of NIHE tenants were receiving some level of award of housing benefit towards their housing costs.

The average award was £3890 per annum or £74.81 per week

Please note that following a change in legislation in September 2017, working age NIHE tenants not already in receipt of housing benefit who required help with their housing costs have had to apply to Universal Credit (UC). NIHE does not hold records of housing costs awards administered by UC.

This concludes our response.