

22 March 2024

Our Ref: FOI 328

Request

We received your request on 28 February 2024 for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of the housing executive stock of 3/4 bedroom bungalows and/or ground floor accomodation please. I would also appreciate information on the average points needed for one of these properties. For both requests, I am asking specifically for Belfast, Lisburn and Castlereagh, and North Down and Ards areas please.

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

Response

We have broken your request into 2 parts –

Part 1

I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of the housing executive stock of 3/4 bedroom bungalows and/or ground floor accomodation please.

The table below details the total number, location and number of void Housing Executive 3/4 bedroom bungalows/ground floor flats in the areas requested, as of 6th March 2024.

<u>Ards & North Down</u> (broken down by CLA)	Housing Executive 3/4 bed bungalows & GF flats	Current Voids
Ballydrain	<10	
Ballygowan	<10	
Ballyhalbert	<10	
Ballywalter	<10	
Bangor, Kilcooley	<10	
Bloomfield Rd/Balloo	14	<10
Bowtown	<10	

Cloughey	<10	
Comber	<10	
Conlig/Breezemount	<10	
Cottown	<10	
Crawfordsburn	<10	
Donaghadee	<10	
Glen	<10	
Greyabbey	<10	
Groomsport	<10	
Hollywood/Redburn	<10	
Killinchy	<10	
Kircubbin	15	<10
Loughries	<10	
Loughview/White City	<10	<10
Millisle	<10	
Portaferry	11	
Portavogie	<10	
Rural Area, Helen's Bay	<10	
Scrabo	18	
West Winds	12	
Whitehill	17	
Total	162	<10

<u>Belfast</u> (broken down by CLA)	Housing Executive 3/4 bed bungalows & GF flats	Current Voids
Ainsworth	<10	
Alliance	<10	
Andersonstown	33	<10
Annadale	<10	
Ashmount	<10	
Beattie Park	<10	
Beechmount	<10	
Belvoir	<10	
Braniel	21	<10
Cambrai/Woodvale	<10	
Carlisle/New Lodge	<10	
Carrick Hill	<10	
Cavehill	<10	
Cliftondene	<10	
Cliftonville	<10	
Cluan Mor Springvale	<10	
Cregagh Castlereagh	<10	
Donegall Pass	<10	
Dundela	<10	
Finaghy	<10	

Gainsborough/Mountcollyer	<10	
Garnerville	<10	
Hannahstown	<10	
Knocknagoney	<10	
Lower Suffolk	14	
Lwr Beersbridge/The Mount	<10	
Mid Shankill	<10	
Milltown/Grays Park	<10	
Newtownards Road	<10	
Oldpark	<10	
Orchard Court	<10	
Rosewood Park	<10	
Short Strand	<10	
Skegoneill/Ashfield/Fortwilliam	<10	<10
Springhill	<10	
Taughmonagh	<10	
Tullycarnet	<10	
Turf Lodge/Gortnamona	<10	
Twinbrook-Poleglass	31	
Westrock	<10	
Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road	<10	
Total	174	<10

Lisburn & Castlereagh (broken down by CLA)	Housing Executive 3/4 bed bungalows & GF flats	Current Voids
Ballinderry	<10	<10
Ballybeen	10	
Ballycrune	<10	
Ballymacoss	<10	
Brooklands	<10	
Dunmurry Rural Cottages	<10	
Greenwood	<10	
Hilden	15	
Hillsborough	<10	
Lambeg	<10	
Moatview Park	<10	
Moir	<10	
Moneyrea	<10	
Newtownbreda	<10	
Stoneyford	<10	
Total	69	<10

**Please note that in the above response where there are figures less than 10, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.*

Part 2

I would also appreciate information on the average points needed for one of these properties.

The table below provides data on the number of 3/4 bedroom bungalows/ground floor flats allocations in Ards & North Down, Belfast, Lisburn & Castlereagh 01/01/2019-31/12/2023, by Common Landlord Area (CLA). The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Table 2: Number of 3/4 bedroom bungalows/ground floor flats allocations in Ards & North Down, Belfast, Lisburn & Castlereagh 01/01/2019-31/12/2023, Mean and Median points at the point of allocation, by Common Landlord Area (CLA)				
Local Government District	CLA	No. of Allocations	Mean Points at the Point of Allocation	Median Points at the Point of Allocation
Ards & North Down	Ballywalter	<10		
	Bangor, Kilcooley	<10		
	Clandeboyne Rd	<10	152.0	150.0
	Kircubbin	<10		
	Loughview/White City	<10	132.5	140.0
	Portaferry	<10		
	Scrabo	<10	155.0	155.0
	Whitehill	<10		
	Ards & North Down Total	16	152.5	150.0
Belfast	Andersonstown	<10		
	Annadale	<10		
	Ardoyne	14	183.0	187.0
	Bloomfield/Ravenscroft	<10		
	Braniel	<10	160.0	160.0
	Castlereagh	<10		
	Cliftondene	<10		
	Dundela	<10		
	Falls Court/Clonard Cres	<10		
	Hannahstown	<10		
	Lower Suffolk	<10		
	Milltown/Grays Park	<10		
	Orchard Court	<10		
	Twinbrook-Poleglass	<10		
	Upper Ligoniel	<10		
	Upper Shankill	<10	137.0	137.0
	Wheatfield	<10		
	Whiterock	<10		
	Woodstock/Ravenhill	<10		
	Belfast Total	38	177.9	182.0
	Ballybeen	<10		

Lisburn & Castlereagh	Ballymacoss	<10		
	Brooklands	<10		
	Hilden	<10	151.0	151.0
	Milltown Derriaghy	<10		
	Newtownbreda	<10		
	Old Warren	<10		
	Tonagh/Manor/Causeway End	<10		
	Lisburn & Castlereagh Total	<10	151.8	162.0
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland	284	140.7	142.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data at the point of the request.
- Allocations data includes allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- 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.

- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 - It is important to note the GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018 regarding the potential risk of identifying individuals and individual households. Guidance from NISRA suggests that equality monitoring information should not be disclosed in sensitive cases where individuals or individual households could be identified. Also, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 'Anonymisation: Managing Data Protection Risk' Code of Practice states 'where less than 10 responses have been given to an answer that identifies something factual, all variables relating to that question have been suppressed'. However, 'it should be noted that attitudinal questions are not bound by this rule, in addition to responses of 'Don't know', 'Refused', 'Other' or similar'. As the information provided is considered sensitive, some statistical disclosure controls may have been placed on the tables with the omission of data in cases where there are less than ten Applicants.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.
- Further in the interests of Data Protection we have had to remove the points for some categories where there was less than 10 allocations and where the points were

substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average points.

This concludes our response.