

Information on cases of damp and mould within the last five years.

Please see below for response:

1. Request: How many cases of damp and mould have been reported to the Housing Executive in the past five years (yearly breakdown by area please).

NIHE Area	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
CAUSEWAY AREA	568	549	459	576	607	2759
LISBURN / CASTLEREAGH AREA	396	391	265	369	417	1838
MID AND EAST ANTRIM AREA	557	534	453	694	748	2986
MID ULSTER AREA	203	184	165	268	265	1085
NORTH BELFAST AREA	475	516	461	603	337	2392
NORTH DOWN AND ARDS AREA	443	604	365	594	706	2712
SOUTH AND EAST BELFAST AREA	565	682	587	698	891	3423
SOUTH ANTRIM AREA	557	649	448	682	790	3126
SOUTH AREA	645	706	374	707	752	3184
SOUTH DOWN AREA	568	545	348	533	663	2657
SOUTH WEST AREA	226	235	130	200	316	1107
WEST AREA	660	755	364	707	839	3325
WEST BELFAST AREA	561	724	661	837	569	3352
Grand Total	6424	7074	5080	7468	7900	33946

***This figure contains all jobs that have been issued containing 'Mould' or 'Damp' within the job description following report.*

2. Request: For how many of these cases was an Independent Damp Surveyors' Report issued/other investigation undertaken?

NIHE Area	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
CAUSEWAY AREA	15	35	60	101	116	327
LISBURN / CASTLEREAGH AREA	16	<10	<10	36	52	110
MID AND EAST ANTRIM AREA	59	38	67	165	141	470
MID ULSTER AREA			<10	<10		<10
NORTH BELFAST AREA	22	46	55	100	41	264
NORTH DOWN AND ARDS AREA	64	54	36	64	96	314
SOUTH AND EAST BELFAST AREA	62	37	22	17	29	167
SOUTH ANTRIM AREA	<10		58	183	131	376
SOUTH AREA	<10	<10	21	51	123	209
SOUTH DOWN AREA	51	47	37	114	229	478

SOUTH WEST AREA				<10	<10	<10
WEST AREA	<10	<10		<10	<10	19
WEST BELFAST AREA	42	49	75	124	109	399
Grand Total	344	323	433	964	1077	3141

***This figure contains all jobs that have been issued requesting a 'Damp Survey'*

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'

3. Request: How long did this take in each case? (Time from reporting of issue to issuing of report.)

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive do not hold this information.

4. Request: In how many cases was remedial action taken?

Section 12 of the FOI Act provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. In the case of the Housing Executive this is £450 or 18 hours of staff time.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 determines the activities the department can take account of to determine the costs it reasonably expects to incur in relation to the request.

Locating, retrieving and extracting the information you requested would be extremely time consuming and would require a manual trawl through our records. The Housing Executive carried out a small scale exercise and as a result has calculated that it would take in excess of 260 hours of staff time, attracting an overall cost of at least £6,500 to provide the information within the scope of your request.

You may wish to narrow the scope of your request and be more specific about the information required so that it might bring it under the fees limit. **Based on the calculations used by the Housing Executive we have estimated that we are able to provide information for 4 months within the fees limit.** However, if your reframed request can be processed, exemptions may apply.

Please advise if you wish to proceed with the request. If no further correspondence is received within two months from the date of this letter, I will consider your request closed.