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Information on the award of intimidation points

Request

How many applications have been made to the NIHE for intimidation points in the past five years? Please provide a breakdown of successful applications for this period on a year-by-year basis.

How many cases has the NIHE refused to grant intimidation points in the past five years?

How many applications for intimidation points have been received in the past five years where sectarianism has been listed as a factor? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

How many applications for intimidations points have been received in the past five years where racism has been listed as a factor? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

How many applications for intimidation points have received in the past five year where paramilitary threat has been listed as a factor? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

How many applications for intimidation points in the past five years have involved evidence or investigation by the PSNI? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

Response

1. How many applications have been made to the NIHE for intimidation points in the past five years? Please provide a breakdown of successful applications for this period on a year-by-year basis.

The Housing Executive do not have an application process for intimidation points. The Housing Executive would note that intimidation is categorised as a reason for homelessness and therefore any award of intimidation points are not as a result of a specific application process for intimidation points.

2. How many cases has the NIHE refused to grant intimidation points in the past five years?

As noted in the response to Q1, the Housing Executive do not have a specific application process for intimidation points. The table below outlines the number of homelessness presentations and acceptances due to intimidation:

Year	Presentations	Acceptances
2017/18	558	355
2018/19	481	374
2019/20	335	255
2020/21	286	256
2021/22	180	171

It should be noted that there is not a direct correlation between applications for intimidation and acceptances e.g. a household may present due to neighbourhood harassment but upon conclusion of investigations may be accepted due to intimidation. Alternatively a household may present as homeless due to intimidation but upon conclusion of investigations the household may not be accepted as statutorily homeless or may be accepted as statutorily homeless for another reason.

3. How many applications for intimidation points have been received in the past five years where sectarianism has been listed as a factor? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

As noted in the response to Q1, the Housing Executive do not have a specific application process for intimidation points. The table below outlines the number of homelessness presentations and acceptances due to intimidation (sub-category: Intimidation – Sectarian):

Year	Presentations	Acceptances
2017/18	42	25
2018/19	19	12
2019/20	14	11
2020/21	9	5
2021/22	14	6

4. How many applications for intimidations points have been received in the past five years where racism has been listed as a factor? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

As noted in the response to Q1, the Housing Executive do not have a specific application process for intimidation points. The table below outlines the number of homelessness presentations and acceptances due to intimidation (sub-category: Intimidation – racism):

Year	Presentations	Acceptances
2017/18	19	10
2018/19	15	7
2019/20	18	13
2020/21	6	4
2021/22	4	4

5. How many applications for intimidation points have received in the past five year where paramilitary threat has been listed as a factor? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.

As noted in the response to Q1, the Housing Executive do not have a specific application process for intimidation points. The table below outlines the number of homelessness presentations and acceptances due to intimidation (sub-category: Intimidation – Paramilitary):

Year	Presentations	Acceptances
2017/18	425	286

2018/19	377	297
2019/20	246	212
2020/21	236	230
2021/22	142	149

It should be noted that in some cases the acceptance figure may be higher than the presentation figures as a household may present for one particular reason but upon completion of investigations the acceptance reason may change e.g. a household may present due to neighbourhood harassment but upon conclusion of investigations may be accepted due to intimidation.

- 6. How many applications for intimidation points in the past five years have involved evidence or investigation by the PSNI? Please specify the number of these cases where points were granted.**

The Housing Executive do not hold this data.