

28 February 2024

**Our Ref: FOI 292**

**Request**

We received your request on 31 January 2024 for the following information:

- 1. The total number of households which presented as homeless due to intimidation for each of the last 5 years, per Council area (broken down by type of intimidation cited i.e. ASB, paramilitaries etc.)*
- 2. The total number of successful intimidation grants of £754 which have been paid to tenants for each of the last 5 years, per Council area.*

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

**Our response**

The tables below outline the number of households who have presented as homeless to the Housing Executive on the basis of intimidation, broken down by category and Council Area over the 2018-23 period. Please note that in order to prevent individuals being identified, and to protect personal data, no exact figure has been provided where the number within the breakdown is less than 10 (including zero).

Intimidation presentations by council – 2018/19	Intimidation-ASB	Intimidation-Disability	Intimidation-Paramilitary	Intimidation-Racial	Intimidation-Sectarian	Intimidation-Sexual Orientation	Grand Total
Antrim & Newtownabbey	<10	<10	22	<10	<10	<10	27
Ards & North Down	<10	<10	65	<10	<10	<10	81
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	19
Belfast	12	<10	130	<10	<10	<10	156
Causeway Coast & Glens	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Derry & Strabane	<10	<10	65	<10	<10	<10	73
Fermanagh & Omagh	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Lisburn & Castlereagh	<10	<10	20	<10	<10	<10	27
Mid & East Antrim	12	<10	55	<10	<10	<10	70
Mid Ulster	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	12
Newry, Mourne & Down	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Grand Total	60	<10	377	15	19	<10	481

Intimidation presentations by council – 2019/20	Intimidation-ASB	Intimidation-Disability	Intimidation-Paramilitary	Intimidation-Racial	Intimidation-Sectarian	Intimidation-Sexual Orientation	Grand Total
Antrim & Newtownabbey	<10	<10	15	<10	<10	<10	18
Ards & North Down	<10	<10	51	<10	<10	<10	54
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Belfast	<10	<10	54	<10	<10	<10	61
Causeway Coast & Glens							0
Derry & Strabane	<10	<10	23	<10	<10	<10	26
Fermanagh & Omagh	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Lisburn & Castlereagh	<10	<10	15	<10	<10	<10	24
Mid & East Antrim	<10	<10	43	<10	<10	<10	51
Mid Ulster	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Newry, Mourne & Down	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Grand Total	13	<10	212	13	11	<10	255

<b>Intimidation presentations by council – 2020/21</b>	<b>Intimidation- ASB</b>	<b>Intimidation- Disability</b>	<b>Intimidation- Paramilitary</b>	<b>Intimidation- Racial</b>	<b>Intimidation- Sectarian</b>	<b>Intimidation- Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey</b>	<10	<10	26	<10	<10	<10	29
<b>Ards &amp; North Down</b>	<10	<10	43	<10	<10	<10	45
<b>Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Belfast</b>	<10	<10	59	<10	<10	<10	70
<b>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Derry &amp; Strabane</b>	<10	<10	31	<10	<10	<10	42
<b>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh</b>	<10	<10	17	<10	<10	<10	22
<b>Mid &amp; East Antrim</b>	<10	<10	33	<10	<10	<10	37
<b>Mid Ulster</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down</b>	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	<10	23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<10	<b>236</b>	<10	<10	<10	<b>286</b>

<b>Intimidation presentations by council – 2021/22</b>	<b>Intimidation- ASB</b>	<b>Intimidation- Disability</b>	<b>Intimidation- Paramilitary</b>	<b>Intimidation- Racial</b>	<b>Intimidation- Sectarian</b>	<b>Intimidation- Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	10
<b>Ards &amp; North Down</b>	<10	<10	21	<10	<10	<10	21
<b>Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Belfast</b>	<10	<10	48	<10	<10	<10	62
<b>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Derry &amp; Strabane</b>	<10	<10	28	<10	<10	<10	32
<b>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh</b>	<10	<10	10	<10	<10	<10	18
<b>Mid &amp; East Antrim</b>	<10	<10	19	<10	<10	<10	22
<b>Mid Ulster</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down</b>	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<10	<b>142</b>	<10	<b>14</b>	<10	<b>180</b>

Intimidation presenters by council - 2022-23	Intimidation-ASB	Intimidation-Disability	Intimidation-Paramilitary	Intimidation-Racial	Intimidation-Sectarian	Intimidation-Sexual Orientation	Grand Total
Antrim & Newtownabbey	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	8
Ards & North Down	<10	<10	35	<10	<10	<10	36
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Belfast	<10	<10	36	<10	<10	<10	52
Derry & Strabane	<10	<10	15	<10	<10	<10	20
Fermanagh & Omagh	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Lisburn & Castlereagh	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	10
Mid & East Antrim	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	<10	12
Mid Ulster	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Newry, Mourne & Down	10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	16
Grand Total	27	<10	124	<10	10	<10	167

**The total number of successful intimidation grants of £754 which have been paid to tenants for each of the last 5 years, per Council area.**

The Emergency Grant is payable to those meeting the following criteria:

- (i) Anyone who was a Housing Executive, Housing Association or Private Rented Sector tenant in Northern Ireland at the time of the intimidation incident; and
- (ii) Who applied to the Housing Executive or a registered housing association for housing as a consequence of the intimidation incident and, in relation to that application, was awarded Intimidation points; and
- (iii) Who, following the intimidation incident the applicant:
  - a. was permanently re-housed as a tenant of the Housing Executive or a registered housing association in Northern Ireland; or
  - b. ceased to be an applicant for Housing Executive or registered housing association accommodation and became a tenant of other accommodation in Northern Ireland which the Housing Executive is satisfied is likely to remain available to the Applicant for a period of at least six months; or
  - c. became an owner occupier in Northern Ireland.

Because of different offices being responsible for and making payments it is not possible to give the data in the exact format required. The combination of the 2 tables below will show the total number of grants paid. It should be noted that this figure has been arrived by using the monetary value of grants leaving the organisation. It does not include those where payments have been clawed back.

**Table 1 – Number of Grant payments made by Area Office**

AREA	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Belfast	54	48	55	34	28
Causeway	1	7	5	6	3
East	21	24	19	8	8
Lisburn & Castlereagh	8	15	12	14	10
Mid Ulster	3	4	3	2	1
North Down & Ards	38	40	38	34	33
South Antrim	15	12	17	21	8
South	3	3	2	0	1
South Down	9	5	3	5	6
South West	2	4	1	1	3
West	21	15	4	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>103</b>

Table 2 provides a breakdown, of payments allocated against a Regional Office and for this reason it is not possible to provide a breakdown by council area.

**Table 2 – Number of Grant payments made by Regional Office**

REGION	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Belfast	32	8	5	2	6
North	39	16	19	7	11
South	16	22	4	9	10
Total	87	46	28	18	27

This concludes our response.