

28 March 2025

Our Ref: FOI 719

Request

We received your request on 21 March 2025 for the following information:

Please can I request the turnover in the last 24 months, and the average level of points for rehousing for 2 bed properties in the following areas of choice:

Cla Lwr Falls

Cla St James

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

Our response

The table below provides data on the number of allocations to applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List in the following Common Landlord Areas (CLAs):

- Lower Falls Grosvenor CLA
- St James CLA

narrowed down to 2-bedroom properties (houses, bungalows and flats), by Mean and Median Points at the point of allocation for a 2-year period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2024. Waiting list and allocations data is produced quarterly so the data at 31/12/24 is the most current available. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Allocations 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2024 to applicants on the waiting list in Lower Falls Grosvenor CLA & St James CLA by Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation			
NIHE Common Landlord Area (CLA) / Geography	No. of allocations (2-bedroom properties only)	Mean Points at the point of allocation	Median Points at the point of allocation
Lower Falls Grosvenor CLA	25	182.2	184.0
St James CLA	<10	182.8	184.0
N. Ireland Total	5,644	155.0	150.0

Notes:

- Allocations are aggregated over a 2-year period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2024 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- Where the number of allocations is less than 10 the data has been anonymised in accordance with Data Protection requirements.
- When a question of “average waiting times” or “average points” is asked, MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided.

Reasons for this include:

The MEAN (arithmetic average) is useful for understanding overall trends but can be heavily skewed by outliers (unusually high or low values) – for example, applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years or who have just joined the waiting list.

The MEDIAN (middle value, a measure of central tendency) is less affected by outliers and represents a “typical” case better when the data is skewed.

By presenting both, we ensure that the analysis captures both central tendency and the potential impact of unusually high or low values.

We also note that when the number of applicants is small, statistical indicators become less reliable and have a much lower predictive value regarding the “typical” experience. In such cases, the figures may be more indicative of the specific circumstances of the individual applicant households rather than a broader trend. Caution must be exercised when interpreting the results.

This concludes our response.