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Our Ref: FOI 642

Request

We received your request on 13 January 2025 for the following information:

Broken down by district, the total number of maintenance officers and the number of those officers that are trained or have a recognised qualification in identifying and treating mould

In relation to Derry and Strabane district, the average number of applicant cases per member of staff assigned to applications over the last five years

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

Our response

Maintenance Officer, Band 6 at December 2024

Reporting Unit	Position	Total
Belfast North Area Team	Maintenance Officer	8
Belfast S & E Area Team	Maintenance Officer	11
Belfast West Area Team	Maintenance Officer	15
Causeway Area Team	Maintenance Officer	9
East Area Team	Maintenance Officer	11
Lisburn/C'reagh Area Team	Maintenance Officer	7
Mid Ulster Area Team	Maintenance Officer	7
Nth Down/Ards Area Team	Maintenance Officer	9
South Antrim Area Team	Maintenance Officer	8
South Area Team	Maintenance Officer	10
South Down Area Team	Maintenance Officer	8
South West Area Team	Maintenance Officer	4
West Area Team	Maintenance Officer	11
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At present, the Housing Executive does not have a formal training qualification in identifying and treating mould. As part of the Housing Executive's Damp & Mould Action Plan, Damp and Mould training for Maintenance Officers is planned for 2025.

The Housing Executive does not record the average number of applicant cases per member of staff assigned to applications over the last five years. The number of cases and number of staff at any point in time is fluid and will be impacted by a range of factors such as the number of vacancies and staff absence. The table below details the number of presentations and acceptances for households presenting as statutorily homeless within Derry City and Strabane Council in the past five years:

Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Presentations	1,994	2,084	2,049	2,073	2,041
Number of Acceptances	1,222	1,146	1,212	1,305	1,352

This concludes our response.