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Our Ref: FOI 523

Request

We received your request on 19 September 2024 for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of housing executive stock, including turnover and the demand in each area for 4 and 4+ bedroom properties please. I would also appreciate information on the average points needed for one of these properties. For these requests I am asking specifically for North, South, East and West Belfast and North Down areas.

20.09 clarification request:

To enable us to proceed with this please clarify:

"I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of housing executive stock, including turnover and the demand in each area for 4 and 4+ bedroom properties please."

Could you define what timeframe you wish us to cover when addressing turnover please?

20.09 response:

If possible from January 2023 to present.

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

Our response

I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of housing executive stock, including turnover and the demand in each area for 4 and 4+ bedroom properties please.

The table below shows the details of all -

- 4 and >4-bedroom stock
- void 4 and >4-bedroom stock

in the Area Offices requested, broken down by CLA, as of 26th September 2024.

	Stock		Voids*	
Area Office & CLA	4-bed	>4-bed	4-bed	>4-bed
North Belfast	306	46	<10	<10
Alliance	2		<10	
Ardoyne	57	1		
Ballysillan	45		<10	
Carlisle/New Lodge	70	3	<10	
Carrick Hill	6	4		
Cavehill	12	2		<10
Cliftonville	22	20		<10
Fairhill/Waverley/Downview	3			
Gainsborough/Mountcollyer	20	1	<10	
Glandore	4			
Gray Mount/Shore Crescent	1			
Lower Ligoniel/Glenbank	5			
Mount Vernon Estate	2			
Oldpark	19	7		
Skegoneill/Ashfield/Fortwilliam	5	1		
Sunningdale	1			
Tigers Bay	8			
Upper Ligoniel	22	1		
White City		5		
Whitewell/Fairyknowe	2			
North Down & Ards	203	15	<10	
Ballydrain	1			
Ballygowan	7		<10	
Ballyhalbert	1			
Ballywalter	2			
Bangor, Kilcooley	13			
Bloomfield Rd/Balloo	11		<10	
Bowtown	8			
Carrowdore	5			
Churchill	3	1		
Clandeboye Rd	1			

Cloughov	1			
Cloughey Comber	18	7		
Conlig/Breezemount	4	,		
Cottown	1			
Crawfordsburn	1			
	9			
Donaghadee	8	1		
Glen	1	1		
Greyabbey	•			
Groomsport	2			
Holywood/Redburn				
Killinchy	1	4		
Kircubbin	2	1		
Loughview/White City	27	2		
Millisle	6			
Movilla	16	4		
Portaferry	5	1		
Portavogie	4			
Rural Area, Helen's Bay	1			
Scrabo	8		40	
Spencer Street	2		<10	
Strand/Kinnegar	1			
West Winds	21	2		
Whitehill	10	1		
Woodlands	1			
South and East Belfast	317	32	<10	
Albertbridge Rd.	26	2		
Ardcarn	14			
Ashmount		3		
Ballyhackamore	3			
Belvoir	7			
Bloomfield/Ravenscroft		1		
Braniel	6			
Castlereagh	20			
Clarawood	3			
Cregagh Castlereagh	16			
Cromac	42	12		
Donegall Pass	5			
Donegall Road	11			
Dundela	2			
Finaghy	15			
Garnerville	9	3		
Inverary	10			
		1	<10	
Knocknagoney	1		<10	
Knocknagoney Lisburn Road	1 6	1	<10	
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Twinbrook-Poleglass Upper Shankill	112 2	57		
Twaddell/Upper Woodvale	1			
Turf Lodge/Gortnamona	125	3		
St James	4	1		
Springmartin	1			
Springhill	6	4		
Roden Street	32			
New Barnsley	18			
Moyard	5	1		
Mid Shankill	2			
Lower Suffolk	18			
Lower Springfield Road	9			
Lower Falls Grosvenor	16	5		
Highfield	5			
Hannahstown	2			
Glencairn	5	2		
Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill	20			
Falls Court/Clonard Cres	3	1		
Divis Complex	16			
Cluan Mor Springvale	16	1		
Cavendish Street	4			
Cambrai/Woodvale	6			
Beechmount	3			
Ballymurphy	78	1	<10	
Ballygomartin	1	1		
Andersonstown	30	22	<10	
Ainsworth	6			
West Belfast	559	99	<10	
Woodstock/Ravenhill	10			
Vionville Rural	1			
Upper Ormeau	8			
Tullycarnet	11	2		
Taughmonagh	3			
Sydenham/Sandbrook/Lisavon	4			
Summerhill	1		110	
Sandy Row Short Strand	17		<10	
	10	2		
Newtownards Road Orchard Court	16			
Milltown/Shaws Bridge				
Milltown/Shawa Bridge	4			

* Where there is a total lower than 10, it has been listed as <10 in compliance with data protection requirements.

I would also appreciate information on the average points needed for one of these properties. For these requests I am asking specifically for North, South, East and West Belfast and North Down areas.

The table below provides data on the number of allocations of *4 or more* bedroom properties for a 5-year period from 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2024 and Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation in the following NIHE Area Offices:

- Ards & North Down
- North Belfast
- South & East Belfast
- West Belfast

The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Number of 4+ bedroom property allocations in selected NIHE Area Offices for a 5-year period from 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2024, with Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation				
NIHE Area Office	No. of allocations (4+ bedroom properties only)	Mean Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation	Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation	
Ards & North Down	27	197.0	192.0	
North Belfast	60	158.7	170.0	
South & East Belfast	41	168.6	170.0	
West Belfast	50	176.4	198.0	
N. Ireland Total	531	160.6	162.0	

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data at the point of the request (allocations up to 30/06/2024)
- Allocations data includes allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- When a question of "average waiting times" or "average points" is asked, MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided.

Reasons for this include:

The MEAN is the arithmetic average and as a statistic can often be unreliable, having been skewed by significant outliers i.e. applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years.

This degree of skewing makes the arithmetic average, the MEAN, unreliable. Therefore, following expert advice on this matter a methodology that utilises the MEDIAN (a measure of central tendency) as a more reliable indicator in relation to Waiting Lists and Allocations is also provided.

This concludes our response.