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Our Ref: FOI 694

Request

We received your request on 28th February 2025. You asked for the following information:

'Please share a spreadsheet detailing the number times "non-standard" temporary accommodation has been used in the last two years, including the following information, by council area

- *The number of hotels, B&Bs, guest houses and similar used by the Housing Executive as temporary accommodation.*
- *The number of households placed by the Housing Executive in this type of accommodation.*
- *The number children under the age of 18 in these households.*
- *The cost of placing households in this accommodation.*

I would like to receive the information electronically in a spreadsheet format compatible with Excel such as .xls or .csv.'

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

Our response

- 1. Please share a spreadsheet detailing the number times "non-standard" temporary accommodation has been used in the last two years, including the following information, by council area.**

The following tables provides the number of placements made to non – standard (Hotel/B&B) temporary accommodation over the course of each year requested, broken down by Council Area.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, there was a total of 3,742 placements made to non-standard temporary accommodation. It should be noted that these figures are not distinct households, as the household may have been placed on a number of separate occasions. Furthermore, this data was taken from a live database and therefore will differ from previous published data. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | No. of Placements in non-standard temporary accommodation: 2022/23 |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 206 |
| Ards & North Down | 162 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 103 |
| Belfast | 1,604 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 197 |
| Derry & Strabane | 831 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 81 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 178 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 232 |
| Mid Ulster | 52 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 96 |
| Total | 3,742 |

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, there was a total of 4,739 placements made to non-standard temporary accommodation. It should be noted that these figures are not distinct households, as the household may have been placed on a number of separate occasions. Furthermore, this data was taken from a live database and therefore will differ from previous published data. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | No. of Placements in non-standard temporary accommodation: 2023/24 |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 236 |
| Ards & North Down | 101 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 173 |
| Belfast | 2,408 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 164 |
| Derry & Strabane | 1106 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 84 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 168 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 99 |
| Mid Ulster | 47 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 153 |
| Total | 4,739 |

2. The number of hotels, B&Bs, guest houses and similar used by the Housing Executive as temporary accommodation.

The Housing Executive does not record distinct providers by distinct premises; however, over the course of 2022/23, 62 providers were utilised to provide non – standard (Hotel/B&B) temporary accommodation placements. It should be noted that the following figures do not refer to distinct premises and some of these 62 providers may have facilitated placements in two or more premises. It should also be noted that

these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | Providers |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 4 |
| Ards & North Down | 0 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 1 |
| Belfast | 13 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 2 |
| Derry & Strabane | 20 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 9 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 0 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 5 |
| Mid Ulster | 1 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 7 |
| Total | 62 |

During 2023/24, 69 providers were utilised to provide non-standard (Hotel/B&B) temporary accommodation placements. It should be noted that the following figures do not refer to distinct premises and some of these 69 providers may have facilitated placements in two or more premises. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | Providers |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 5 |
| Ards & North Down | 1 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 2 |
| Belfast | 12 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 5 |
| Derry & Strabane | 21 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 12 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 0 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 6 |
| Mid Ulster | 2 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 3 |
| Total | 69 |

3. The number of households placed by the Housing Executive in this type of accommodation.

The following tables provide details of the total number of households placed in non-standard (Hotel/B&B) temporary accommodation in each respective council area.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, a total of 2,322 households were placed in non-standard (Hotel/B&B) accommodation. Please note that this data was taken from a live

database and therefore will differ from previous published data. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | No. of Households placed in non-standard accommodation: 2022/23 |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 142 |
| Ards & North Down | 104 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 69 |
| Belfast | 931 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 123 |
| Derry & Strabane | 542 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 55 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 114 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 136 |
| Mid Ulster | 41 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 65 |
| Total | 2,322 |

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, a total of 2,944 households were placed in non-standard (Hotel/B&B) accommodation. Please note that this data was taken from a live database and therefore will differ from previous published data. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | No. of Households placed in non-standard accommodation: 2023/24 |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 166 |
| Ards & North Down | 74 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 127 |
| Belfast | 1,438 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 122 |
| Derry & Strabane | 651 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 50 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 113 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 70 |
| Mid Ulster | 38 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 95 |
| Total | 2,944 |

4. The number children under the age of 18 in these households.

The following tables provide details of the total number of children in households who have been placed in non-standard (Hotel/B&B) temporary accommodation in each respective council area.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, there was a total of 1,371 children under the age of 18 in households. It should be noted that this data was taken from a live database and therefore will differ from previous published data. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | No. of Children under 18 years old in non-standard accommodation: 2022/23 |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 86 |
| Ards & North Down | 40 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 60 |
| Belfast | 645 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 56 |
| Derry & Strabane | 291 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 25 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 43 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 78 |
| Mid Ulster | 15 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 32 |
| Total | 1,371 |

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, there was a total of 2,135 children under the age of 18 in households. It should be noted that this data was taken from a live database and therefore will differ from previous published data. It should also be noted that these figures relate to the Council Area to which the household presented as homeless to, rather than the area of placement.

| Council Area | No. of Children under 18 years old in non-standard accommodation: 2023/24 |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey | 108 |
| Ards & North Down | 52 |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 180 |
| Belfast | 1209 |
| Causeway Coast & Glens | 52 |
| Derry & Strabane | 363 |
| Fermanagh & Omagh | 24 |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh | 55 |
| Mid & East Antrim | 25 |
| Mid Ulster | 20 |
| Newry, Mourne & Down | 47 |
| Total | 2,135 |

5. The cost of placing households in this accommodation.

This information is already available and can be accessed via [Assembly Query, AQW 11832/22-27](#), which provides further information on the estimated expenditure for non-standard temporary accommodation from 2019/20 to 2023/24.

This concludes our response.