

Response to: FOI_22-23_256

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Non-urgent Repairs, empty properties, temporary accommodation

We are unable to provide the information by parliamentary constituencies but instead have provided it under our own boundaries of North Belfast, West Belfast and S&E Belfast. It is as follows.

i. To provide the breakdown for the Constituencies of East, South, North and West Belfast, of the numbers of non-urgent repairs for each constituency from March 2022 until March 2023.

Total number of routine jobs issue per area:

North Belfast - 12,253

West Belfast – 10,799

South & East Belfast - 13,614

ii. To provide the breakdown of how many empty properties in East, South, North and West Belfast constituencies awaiting Change of Tenancy inspections.

North Belfast - 62 COTs West Belfast - 61 COTs South and East Belfast - 24 COTs

iii. To provide a constituency by constituency breakdown of the numbers of applicants who are living in temporary accommodation and/or hostel accommodation, including those applicants housed outside of the Belfast Constituency but are Belfast applicants.

As of 24 April 2023, there were 2,010 households placed in Temporary Accommodation by the Belfast Housing Solutions Team. This number refers to the local council area (Belfast Council) <u>from</u> which the placement was made

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rather than the local Council area to which the placement was made. The Housing Executive does not record placements by the receiving Council Area, and therefore it is not possible to provide a breakdown of how many of these households have been placed within or outside the Belfast Area.

iv. To provide an estimated timeframe of how long it will take non-urgent repairs to be completed in the East, South, North and West Belfast constituencies.

Due to recent industrial action and other factors we are unable to provide an accurate timescale regarding completion of non-urgent repairs.

v. To provide an estimated timeframe of how long it will take for Change of Tenancy inspections and repairs to be completed in the East, South, North and West Belfast constituencies.

We would not be in a position to provide an overall timeframe for COT completions as each property would need to be taken on a case by case basis, with each individual circumstance affecting the estimated timeframe.