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Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 974

Your request for information received on 27 October 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

would you able to provide me with the average waiting times for North Belfast for all areas and the points required

Our response

The table below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List in North Belfast NIHE Local office, by Common Landlord Area (CLA), Mean & Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation for a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

No. of allocations from the Social Housing Waiting List for a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025 in North Belfast NIHE Local Office, by Common Landlord Area (CLA), Mean & Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation						
NIHE Local Office / Geography	CLA	No. of allocations	Mean Waiting Time (in months) at the point of allocation	Median Waiting Time (in months) at the point of allocation	Mean Points at the point of allocation	Median Points at the point of allocation
North Belfast NIHE Local Office	Alliance	15	31.2	25.0	143.5	140.0
	Ardavon	<10	33.7	18.0	127.3	128.0
	Ardoyne	253	33.8	23.0	162.9	162.0
	Ballysillan	68	25.7	17.0	142.3	140.0
	Carlisle Multis	93	37.2	28.0	139.7	140.0
	Carlisle / New Lodge	175	36.3	27.0	145.7	146.0
	Carrick Hill	26	38.5	27.5	153.7	143.0
	Cavehill	104	37.2	28.5	164.8	161.0
	Cliftondene	<10	x	x	174.9	192.0
	Cliftonville	239	36.0	26.0	157.1	156.0

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	Duncairn Gardens / Newington	13	43.0	39.0	138.5	134.0
	Fairhill / Waverley / Downview	31	28.4	17.0	148.8	142.0
	Gainsborough / Mountcollyer	127	23.9	14.0	130.1	130.0
	Glandore	<10	25.3	30.0	x	x
	Gray Mount/Shore Crescent	81	23.0	19.0	137.3	140.0
	Grove Area	22	21.3	19.5	142.9	141.0
	Lower Ligoniel / Glenbank	77	20.3	8.0	97.8	116.0
	Lower Oldpark	95	27.2	18.0	143.8	142.0
	Mount Vernon Estate	33	18.6	8.0	83.1	106.0
	Mount Vernon Multis	<10	23.8	12.0	x	x
	Newington / Limestone	53	30.6	24.0	159.6	154.0
	Oldpark	106	40.0	32.5	183.7	190.0
	Rosewood / Crumlin	<10	x	x	x	x
	Skegoneill / Ashfield / Fortwilliam	113	22.3	14.0	118.1	120.0
	Sunningdale	25	36.4	23.0	136.5	140.0
	Tigers Bay	145	22.4	13.0	123.1	128.0
	Torrens	12	41.9	29.5	189.0	186.0
	Upper Ligoniel	64	43.5	33.5	182.3	188.0
	Westland	14	32.5	28.0	132.1	135.0
	Wheatfield	46	23.7	17.0	134.4	140.0
	White City	26	23.9	18.0	131.4	131.0
	Whitewell / Fairyknowe	73	42.8	30.0	172.4	162.0
	North Belfast NIHE Local Office Total	2,155	31.3	22.0	146.4	145.0
N. Ireland Total		30,501	29.5	18.0	147.0	146.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (allocations up to 30/06/2025)

- Allocations are aggregated over a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025 and include 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 (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.

- Where the number of applicants/allocations is less than 10, the figure has been shown as <10 in accordance with Data Protection and UK GDPR requirements.
- Further in the interest of Data Protection we have had to remove points/waiting time data for some categories where there was only one allocation or less than 10 allocations and where the value was substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average.

Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 states that ‘the person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to those statistics.’ Provision of the requested figures before publication of the DfC Housing Bulletin in which the dataset from which they would be drawn is published would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of parts T3.3 and T3.4. The figures beyond the period already covered by the latest Housing Bulletin (after 30/06/2025) are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act – disclosure prohibited by other legislation, pending publication of the next Housing Bulletin, currently anticipated end November 25.

This concludes our response.