

24 September 2024

Our Ref: FOI 502

Request

We received your request on 27 August 2024 for the following information:

Please provide me with a breakdown of information regarding each case in which a homeless person has died whilst on a Northern Ireland Housing Executive waiting list. By 'homeless person', I mean anyone who is on a Northern Ireland Housing Executive waiting list for housing because they are deemed to be statutorily homeless and require housing. Please provide this information from the beginning of July 2023 to the end of July 2024.

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

Our response

The Housing Executive can confirm that there were 230 applicants who, according to the Housing Order (NI) 1988 (as amended) have been accepted as statutorily homeless and where notification of death has subsequently been made to the Housing Executive between 01 July 2023 – 31 July 2024.

This will include:

- i) those who have been in non-permanent housing (i.e. hostel accommodation) as well as
- ii) those who have been permanent tenants or homeowners at the time of their death, but retained by the Housing Executive as "homeless" in accordance with the statutory definition.

In the absence of any further information in respect of 'background information' the Housing Executive is unable to provide any further information at this stage. Should further clarification be provided in respect of background information, the Housing Executive will seek to provide any available information.