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Our Ref: FOI 416

Request

We received your request on 28 May 2024 for the following information:

We would like to submit an FOI for the information below:

- *How many properties does the Housing Executive currently let as social rented housing?*
- *How many Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs) have been recorded for occupied Housing Executive properties in the last (i) 5 years and (ii) 10 years?*
- *When does the Housing Executive anticipate moving all properties to a 5-year cycle for EICRs?*
- *What process is followed if defects are discovered during an EICR, and within what timescale are C1 or C2 classified faults rectified?*
- *How many (i) C1 and (ii) C2 electrical faults have been found in Housing Executive properties since 2017, and how many were rectified within the set period?*

Please let me know if you require any further information from me in order to process the request.

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

Our response

- How many properties does the Housing Executive currently let as social rented housing?

The Housing Executive stock total was 82,785 properties as of 1st May 2024.

- How many Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs) have been recorded for occupied Housing Executive properties in the last (i) 5 years and (ii) 10 years?
 - (i) Between June 2019 and May 2024 the Housing Executive completed Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs) to 49,599 properties
 - (ii) Between June 2014 and May 2024 the Housing Executive completed Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs) to 73,378, the remaining 10,259 EICR's are planned to be completed in 2024/25.

- When does the Housing Executive anticipate moving all properties to a 5-year cycle for EICRs?

The NIHE anticipates moving all properties to a 5-year cycle by 2027 however this will be dependent on the availability of skilled electricians in the market to deliver the revised inspection programme. There is a significant skills shortage of qualified electricians in Northern Ireland which has hindered the delivery of EICR programme.

- What process is followed if defects are discovered during an EICR, and within what timescale are C1 or C2 classified faults rectified?

The NIHE changed its process in 2016/17 and all C1 and C2 classified faults found are rectified at the time of the inspection. This enables a satisfactory EICR to be issued and ensures the installations are safe to use.

- How many (i) C1 and (ii) C2 electrical faults have been found in Housing Executive properties since 2017, and how many were rectified within the set period?

The NIHE have no record of the number of C1 or C2 faults as, from 2017, all C1 and C2 classified faults found were rectified at the time of the inspection and before the EICR was issued.

This concludes our response.