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Our Ref: FOI 514

Request

We received your request on 11 September 2024 for the following information:

Which position I am currently on the list to be housed in West Belfast. (I am aware that it changes daily so could I have today's information)

Which areas in West Belfast or Lisburn have four or five bedroom properties

Which areas close to Belfasts have quicker turnover and less points required as I have been advised for years I do not have enough points to be housed but advisors won't give me information as to what areas I would be more likely to be housed.

How many house have been allocated in West Belfast in the last three months and what was the average points

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

Our response

Which position I am currently on the list to be housed in West Belfast. (I am aware that it changes daily so could I have today's information)

You cannot access your own personal information under the FOI Act due to the exemption at section 40(1). We have asked a Housing Advisor to provide you with this information directly.

Which areas in West Belfast or Lisburn have four or five bedroom properties

The table below shows the number of four and five bedroom Housing Executive properties, in the CLAs covered by the Lisburn/Castlereagh and West Belfast Area Offices, as of 13th September 2024.

Bedrooms	4	5
LISBURN / CASTLEREAGH AREA	131	12
Ballybeen	10	0
Ballymacoss	21	3
Brooklands	2	0
Carryduff	7	0
Culcavey	1	1
Dromara	1	0
Glenavy	1	0
Greenwood	8	2
Hilden	4	0
Hill Street	1	0
Hillhall	6	1
Hillsborough	1	0
Knockmore	13	0
Lambeg	1	0
Maze	4	0
Megaberry	1	0
Milltown Derriaghy	3	1
Moatview Park	1	0
Moirá	1	0
Moneyrea	3	0
Newtownbreda	2	0
Old Warren	6	0
Ravarnette	1	3
Seymour Hill & Conway	8	0
Stoneyford	1	0
Tonagh/Manor/Causeway End	20	1
Warren	3	0
WEST BELFAST AREA	546	98
Ainsworth	6	0
Andersonstown	28	22
Ballygomartin	1	1
Ballymurphy	78	1
Beechmount	3	0
Cambrai/Woodvale	6	0
Cavendish Street	4	0
Cluan Mor Springvale	16	1
Divis Complex	16	0
Falls Court/Clonard Cres	3	1
Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill	20	0
Glencairn	5	1
Hannahstown	2	0
Highfield	5	0
Lower Falls Grosvenor	16	5
Lower Springfield Road	9	0

Lower Suffolk	18	0
Mid Shankill	2	0
Moyard	5	1
New Barnsley	18	0
Roden Street	22	0
Springhill	6	3
Springmartin	1	0
St James	4	1
Turf Lodge/Gortnamona	125	3
Twaddell/Upper Woodvale	1	0
Twinbrook-Poleglass	111	54
Upper Shankill	2	0
Westrock	13	4
Grand Total	677	110

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We have asked a Housing Advisor to contact you to advise the most likely areas you could be housed on your current points total.

How many house have been allocated in West Belfast in the last three months and what was the average points

Waiting list and allocations data is produced quarterly and the most recently available is as at 30th June 2024. The table below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the waiting list for the West Belfast NIHE Local Office area by Mean and Median points at the point of allocation for a 3-month period from 01/04/2024 to 30/06/2024. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Allocations 01/04/2024 - 30/06/2024 at NIHE West Belfast Local Office & N. Ireland level by Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation			
NIHE Local Office	No. of allocations	Mean Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation	Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation
West Belfast	110	188.5	194.0
N. Ireland Total	1,447	156.1	150.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data at the point of the request (allocations up to 30/06/2024)
- Allocations are aggregated over a 3-month period from 01/04/2024 to 30/06/2024 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 is the arithmetic average and as a statistic can often be unreliable, having been skewed by significant outliers i.e. applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years.

This degree of skewing makes the arithmetic average, the MEAN, unreliable.

Therefore, following expert advice on this matter a methodology that utilises the MEDIAN (a measure of central tendency) as a more reliable indicator in relation to Waiting Lists and Allocations is also provided.

This concludes our response.