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All individuals who arrive into Northern Ireland through the Schemes outlined by the DfC in the letter you provided to us as part of your request namely, the former Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, and the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, are treated as Homeless applicants and initially placed in emergency Temporary Accommodation awaiting permanent rehousing.

At the time of this response a total of 54 households would have availed of accommodation from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive within the past 2 years.

All 54 would have been placed in emergency Temporary Accommodation by the Housing Executive, noting that this comprised 14 Families in total. Owing to the small number of cases, <10, we are unable to provide information about permanent re-housing in order to avoid the provision of personal information of identifiable individuals in accordance with FOI Act Section 40 (2). It should be noted that the families that arrive into Northern Ireland from these schemes are placed throughout Northern Ireland as part of our regional dispersal strategy.