

Response to: FOI_004

May 2023

Social housing stats NI

 The most current 2022-23 numbers and composition of (a) the socialhousing waiting list, (b) households in housing stress and (c)households with FDA status in Northern Ireland as a whole. Pleaseprovide the information broken down by family type in as much detail aspossible (eg, with categories 'Single Male > 16 and <18', '2 Adults & 1Child' etc

Waiting List figures are produced quarterly and so the most up to date figures are as at 31st March 2023. However, Waiting List Statistics are included in the Department for Communities Housing Bulletin which is designated as a National Statistic.

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 March 2023 figures are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act - disclosure prohibited by other legislation. The March 2023 figures can be made available upon request subsequent to the publication of the Bulletin, which is currently expected around w/c 22nd May.

In your clarification email you requested to be given the December 2022 figures if the March 2023 figures were being withheld. The spreadsheet below provides the requested information. Please be advised that Household Type is recorded at point of application and may not reflect the current composition of the household. Where there are less than 10 applicants, applicants in Housing Stress or FDA, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.

2. The most up to date estimates available on the total number of social housing units fit for purpose and in use in Northern Ireland as a whole, broken down by Housing Executive / housing association social housing units.

As of the 6th May 2023, the Housing Executive total stock count sits at 83,225 properties.

The Housing Executive does not hold information in relation to Housing Association stock and does not have a 'fit for purpose' designation for its own stock.

Northern Ireland Level December	Single Male, >16 and <18	iviale	Male	Female >16 and	remale	Single Female 26-59		H&W 18-25	H&W 26-59		Adults	Adults and 1	and 2 children	Parent and 1	1 Parent and 2 children	and 3	and ≥4	and 3	and ≥4 children	Adults	and 0-1	60+	Female 60+	Fither	≥3 OAP's	2 Adults, either 60+	Grand Total
Applicants	51	3119	10209	64	2889	4259	<10	84	426	<10	1674	1303	1171	5485	3168	638	426	1282	591	285	973	1944	2629	1047	17	776	44519
Housing																											
Stress	50	2444	7393	57	2322	3067	<10	60	253	<10	1063	885	770	4363	2248	451	318	926	438	215	676	1289	1803	721	12	543	32371
FDA	49	1936	5429	54	1878	2390	<10	43	190	0	812	748	674	3715	1971	393	274	829	383	170	525	992	1269	476	<10	404	25613
Allocations	19	346	1257	10	416	572	<10	14	43	0	177	127	94	854	460	48	38	215	95	16	80	408	410	99	0	89	5888