

Response to: FOI 22-23 103

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Request for information on Social Housing Voids.

REQUEST: In order to better understand the state of social housing need and provision, we request information on

- What social housing voids data NIHE holds please specify if these include both NIHE and HA properties
- What geographies are social housing voids data available for eg HNA area, local authority area, other relevant geographies
- If NIHE does not hold information on HA voids, please direct us to where we can find published information on this.
- Are both NIHE and HA voids included in housing need calculations, or are these based just on NIHE void data?

RESPONSE:

1. What social housing voids data NIHE holds - please specify if these include both NIHE and HA properties.

It is not possible to specify an exhaustive list of the voids data contained in our HMS system. Common factors on which we would report are total count, type, bedroom count, and status of void properties in specific areas.

The Housing Executive only holds data in relation to its own void properties.

2. What geographies are social housing voids data available for e.g. HNA area, local authority area, other relevant geographies.

Void data is ordinarily provided by Common Landlord Area/NIHE Area/NIHE Region. Beyond that information can be broken down by -

- Council area
- Parliamentary Constituency
- Ward
- HNA area

on a request basis.

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3. If NIHE does not hold information on HA voids, please direct us to where we can find published information on this.

The Housing Executive is not able to assist with this query.

4. Are both NIHE and HA voids included in housing need calculations, or are these based just on NIHE void data?

Only NIHE void data is included in housing need calculations.

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