

27 November 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 984

Your request for information received on 30 October 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

As of 30th September 2025:

1. *How many people (not households) are (i) on the Social Housing Waiting List, (ii) have FDA status, (iii) are in Housing Stress, (iv) have Complex Needs and (v) were allocated a social home in the preceding 12 months?*
2. *In terms of both people on the Social Housing Waiting List and people with FDA status, what is the breakdown by (i) age (i.e. under 18, 18 -25, 26 – 39, 40 -49, 50 – 59, 60 – 64, 65 +) (ii) household type and (iii) parliamentary constituency?*
3. *How many people are being accommodated in non-standard accommodation?*

Our response

Table 1 below provides the figures requested in part 1 and part 2 (ii) of your request. The figures must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Table 1**Waiting List 30th September 2025 - Composite Household Breakdown of Individuals within Applicant Households**

Composite Household Group	Individuals on Waiting List All	Individuals on Waiting List (FDA)	Individuals on Waiting List (HS)	Individuals on Waiting List Complex Needs*	Individuals Allocs
Elderly	8,534	4,526	5,827	2,933	1,344
Large Adult	3,673	2,349	2,696	1,276	297
Large Family	16,888	12,588	13,728	4,967	1,943
Single	25,856	17,515	20,733	5,604	2,950
Small Adult	4,435	2,609	3,136	1,111	538
Small Family	31,433	22,727	25,274	6,170	4,362
Total	90,819	62,314	71,394	22,061	11,434

*This figure represents the number of individuals within applicant households that have indicated that at least one person within the household has complex needs. The number of applicant Households with identified complex needs at 30th September totalled 11,619.

Table 2 below provides the figures requested in part 2 (i) of your request. The figures must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Table 2 Waiting List 30th September 2025 - Composite Age Breakdown of Individuals within Applicant Households				
Composite Age	Individuals on WL (All)	Individuals on WL (FDA)	Individuals on WL (HS)	Individuals Allocs
Under 18	26,289	19,657	21,573	3,879
18-25	12,165	8,611	9,823	1,393
26-39	21,011	15,026	17,004	2,405
40-49	11,369	7,752	8,903	1,133
50-59	8,203	5,002	5,956	973
60-64	3,343	1,793	2,261	479
65 and over	8,439	4,473	5,874	1,172
Grand Total	90,819	62,314	71,394	11,434

Table 3 below provides the figures requested in part 2 (iii) of your request. The figures must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Waiting List 30th September 2025 – Parliamentary Constituency Breakdown of Individuals withing Applicant Households				
Parliamentary Constituency	Individuals on WL (Apps)	Individuals on WL (FDA)	Individuals on WL (HS)	Individuals Allocs
Belfast East	3,660	2,574	2,951	621
Belfast East/South	821	559	641	71
Belfast North	8,202	6,342	7,012	1,093
Belfast North/East/South/West	156	128	129	0

Waiting List 30th September 2025 – Parliamentary Constituency Breakdown of Individuals within Applicant Households				
Parliamentary Constituency	Individuals on WL (Apps)	Individuals on WL (FDA)	Individuals on WL (HS)	Individuals Allocs
Belfast South	6,120	4,894	5,231	593
Belfast South/Strangford	336	263	284	60
Belfast West	8,423	6,955	7,489	1,054
Belfast West/North	292	202	220	20
Belfast West/South	39	37	39	42
East Antrim	3,817	2,592	2,908	702
East Londonderry	5,134	2,874	3,429	441
Fermanagh South Tyrone	4,707	2,332	3,149	518
Foyle	8,924	7,040	7,561	919
Lagan Valley	3,678	2,715	3,059	673
Mid Ulster	2,822	1,624	2,051	280
Newry & Armagh	4,397	2,634	3,220	663
North Antrim	5,047	3,069	3,613	857
North Down	3,283	2,170	2,545	468
South Antrim	3,654	2,652	2,982	448
South Down	3,983	2,961	3,369	289
Strangford	3,213	2,129	2,493	456
Upper Bann	6,232	3,453	4,348	550
West Tyrone	3,879	2,115	2,671	616
Total	90,819	62,314	71,394	11,434

Notes:

- Data on individuals within applicant households (all applicants, housing stress and FDA) is as at 30th September 2025.

- Please note that data in respect of individual persons on the waiting list has been drawn from a system subject to retrospective amendments / live reporting. It is therefore subject to changes on a daily basis and figures are correct at time data is downloaded.
- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12-month period.
- FDA refers to Full Duty Applicants – these are applicants accepted as being homeless, to whom the Housing Executive owes a duty under the Homelessness legislation, Article 10(2) of the Housing (NI) Order, 1988 to “secure that accommodation becomes available for his/her occupation”.
- The reporting unit for applications is the Common Landlord Area (CLA) and in some places these CLAs traverse parliamentary boundaries so, for reporting purposes, a hybrid parliamentary category has been created. The table below lists the CLAs and the corresponding parliamentary category to provide context.

Common Landlord Area (CLA) and corresponding Parliamentary Constituency	
CLA	Parliamentary Constituency
Belfast City Centre	Belfast North/East/South/West
Cregagh Castlereagh	Belfast East/South
Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road	Belfast East/South
Carryduff	Belfast South/Strangford
Ainsworth	Belfast West/North
Twaddell/Upper Woodvale	Belfast West/North
Hamill St / John St	Belfast West/South
Carrick Hill / Unity Flats	Belfast West/North
Bridge End / Rotherdam Court	Belfast East/South

Figures for request 3, are part of the Homelessness Bulletin which as per [this link](#) notes the following:

The next edition of the Northern Ireland Homelessness Bulletin is due for release on 11 December 2025.

In line with the code of practice for statistics we are unable to provide these figures in advance of publication. As a result, this information is currently exempt from disclosure, under FOIA Section 44, prohibitions on disclosure by other legislation.

Therefore, please can you re-submit your request after publication to allow us to provide you with a suitable response.

This concludes our response.