



20 August 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 869

Your request for information received on 24 July 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

- 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, (ii) gender, (iii) household type and (iv) parliamentary constituency?*
- 3. How many people are being accommodated in non-standard accommodation?*
- 4. What was the total amount spent on non-standard accommodation between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025?*

Our response

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Further to your clarification of 30th July in which you removed the gender aspect of Q2, as this information is not available by persons rather than households, the tables below provide the requested information. All tables must be read in conjunction with the accompanying caveats and notes.

Table 1

Question 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?

Question 2: Part (iii) In terms of both people on the Social Housing Waiting List and people with FDA status, what is the breakdown by **Household Type**

Response to question 1, parts (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) and question 2, part (iii)

Table 1: Waiting List 30th June 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	8,559	4,539	5,868	2,957	1,343
Large Adult	3,660	2,339	2,684	1,298	289
Large Family	16,966	12,526	13,689	4,904	1,848
Single	25,447	17,168	20,415	5,505	3,061
Small Adult	4,434	2,571	3,123	1,085	515
Small Family	31,411	22,555	25,144	6,131	4,425
Total	90,477	61,698	70,923	21,880*	11,481

*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 June totalled 11,511.

Table 2

Question 2: Part (i) In terms of both people on the Social Housing Waiting List and people with FDA status, what is the breakdown by **age**.

Response to question 2, part (i)

Table 2: Waiting List 30th June 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	26,174	19,420	21,355	3,831
18-25	11,985	8,411	9,638	1,385
26-39	20,885	14,841	16,869	2,465
40-49	11,327	7,709	8,860	1,122
50-59	8,152	4,952	5,915	1,001
60-64	3,331	1,799	2,279	505
65 and over	8,623	4,566	6,007	1,172
Grand Total	90,477	61,698	70,923	11,481

Table 3

Question 2: Part (iv) In terms of both people on the Social Housing Waiting List and people with FDA status, what is the breakdown by **Parliamentary Constituency**?

Response to question 2, part (iv)

Table 3: Waiting List 30th June 2025 – Parliamentary Constituency Breakdown of Individuals withing Applicant Households				
Parliamentary Constituency	Individuals on WL (All)	Individuals on WL (FDA)	Individuals on WL (HS)	Individuals Allocs
Belfast East	3,738	2,593	2,987	629
Belfast East/South	809	541	628	69
Belfast North	8,189	6,300	6,968	1,120
Belfast South	6,051	4,835	5,176	546
Belfast South/Strangford	327	252	276	19
Belfast West	8,411	6,885	7,445	1,022
Belfast West/North	305	213	232	22
Belfast West/South	40	36	38	43
East Antrim	3,748	2,495	2,808	795
East Londonderry	5,090	2,833	3,401	466
Fermanagh South Tyrone	4,747	2,317	3,122	504
Foyle	8,906	6,991	7,525	928
Lagan Valley	3,672	2,706	3,056	649
Mid Ulster	2,783	1,601	2,032	257
Newry & Armagh	4,438	2,665	3,248	651
North Antrim	5,018	3,060	3,593	830
North Down	3,286	2,163	2,559	467
South Antrim	3,614	2,609	2,944	482
South Down	3,994	2,931	3,355	300
Strangford	3,231	2,131	2,478	484
Upper Bann	6,264	3,430	4,386	516
West Tyrone	3,816	2,111	2,666	682
Total	90,477	61,698	70,923	11,481

Notes:

- Data on individuals within applicant households (all applicants, housing stress and FDA) is as at 30th June 2025.
- Allocation information refers to the number of individuals within applicant households allocated a property 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”.
- 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.

3. How many people are being accommodated in non-standard accommodation?

This information is part of the Department for Communities Homelessness Bulletin. Figures for the period requested are yet to be published and in line with the code of practice for statistics we are unable to provide these figures in advance of publication.

4. What was the total amount spent on non-standard accommodation between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025?

The gross spend on non-standard accommodation between 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 was £15,591,000.

This concludes our response.