



20 October 2025

Dear Applicant

**Our Ref: FOI 947**

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

## **Request**

*I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the use of student accommodation in Belfast as temporary accommodation for individuals or families presenting as homeless.*

*Specifically, I would like to request the following information:*

*1. Has the Housing Executive entered into any arrangements or agreements since 1 January 2022 to use student accommodation in Belfast as temporary accommodation for people or families experiencing homelessness?*

*2. If so, please provide details of:*

- The names and locations of the student accommodation providers involved;*
- The dates on which the arrangements commenced and, if applicable, ended;*
- The total number of units/rooms made available under such arrangements;*
- The total number of individuals or households placed in student accommodation through these arrangements, broken down by year (2022, 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025).*

*3. The total cost to the Housing Executive of using student accommodation for temporary placements, broken down by year (2022–2025 to date).*

*4. Copies of any policy documents, internal guidance, or communications (emails, memos, or reports) setting out the rationale for using student accommodation for temporary placements.*

*If it is not possible to provide the information requested without exceeding the*

*appropriate cost limit, I would be grateful if you could advise how the request could be refined to come within the limit.*

**Our response**

*The Housing Executive does not hold any information in relation to questions 1 to 4.*

This concludes our response.