

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.