



16 July 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 812

Your request for information received on 18 June 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

Please share a spreadsheet detailing the number of times "non-standard" temporary accommodation was used between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025, including the following information, by council area:

- The number of hotels, B&Bs, guest houses and similar used by the Housing Executive as temporary accommodation.*
- The number of households placed by the Housing Executive in this type of accommodation.*
- The number children under the age of 18 in these households.*
- The cost of placing households in this accommodation.*

Kind regards,

Our response

- 1. The number of hotels, B&Bs, guest houses and similar used by the Housing Executive as temporary accommodation.***

The Housing Executive broadly categorises the above types of temporary accommodation as 'non-standard' accommodation. Between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025, the Housing Executive used a total of 61 providers for non-standard accommodation.

Table 1 below outlines the number of premises used for non-standard accommodation for this period, broken down by council area.

Please note that the year used is based on the financial year in which the provider invoiced the Housing Executive. It is therefore possible that in some cases actual

use of the provider for temporary accommodation placements may have occurred in the year prior.

Please further note that, where a provider may have more than one site across different areas, these are listed under 'Various'.

| Table 1: Non-Standard Providers 2024/25 | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Council Area | Number of Providers |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 4 |
| Ards and North Down | 2 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 1 |
| Belfast | 8 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 5 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 20 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 8 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 0 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 5 |
| Mid Ulster | 1 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down | 5 |
| Various | 2 |

2. The number of households placed by the Housing Executive in this type of accommodation.

Table 2 below outlines the number of households placed in non-standard accommodation between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025, broken down by council area.

Please be advised that the council area noted relates to the area in which the household initially presented as homeless, which may or may not differ from the area in which the temporary accommodation placement is made.

| Table 2: Non-Standard Placements 2024/25 | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Council Area | Number of Households |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 109 |
| Ards and North Down | 39 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 106 |
| Belfast | 1428 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 117 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 665 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 22 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 125 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 57 |

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| Mid Ulster | 40 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down | 76 |
| Total | 2784 |

3. The number children under the age of 18 in these households.

Table 3 below refers to a snapshot of the number of children in temporary accommodation as of the listed month, broken down by council area.

The figures reported in the below table are children aged under 18 on 9th April 2024, 5th November 2024 and 9th May 2025 living in temporary accommodation. This is in line with the approach taken for the figures published in the DfC Homelessness Bulletin.

Please note that the figures provided below may vary slightly from the published figures due to retrospective keying on our Housing Management System (HMS).

| Table 3: Children in Non-Standard Accommodation | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Council Area | Apr-24 | Nov-24 | May-25 |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Ards and North Down | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Belfast | 146 | 129 | 77 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 85 | 100 | 55 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Mid Ulster | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Total | 249 | 254 | 144 |

4. The cost of placing households in this accommodation.

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

This concludes our response.