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Our Ref: FOI 740

Request

We received your request on 07 April 2025 for the following information:

I would like to request a breakdown of,

- *The amount of families/individuals since October 2024 until March 2025 who presented for temporary accommodation and were placed*
- *The amount of families/individuals who presented for temp accommodation and were not provided with a placement due to no availability*
- *The amount of rough sleepers recorded in Belfast since October 2024 until March 2025*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

1. The amount of families/individuals since October 2024 until March 2025 who presented for temporary accommodation and were placed.

Between 1st October and 31st December 2024, 2,782 temporary accommodation placements were made. The table below provides a breakdown of this data by singles, couples, pensioners and families.

Category	Singles	Couples	Pensioners	Families	Undefined	Total
Total Number of Placements	1,890	111	141	629	11	2,782

Please note, at this time the Housing Executive is unable to provide homelessness data for January to March 2025 as requested, as this forms part of the DfC Homelessness Bulletin which is yet to be published for this period.

2. *The amount of families/individuals who presented for temp accommodation and were not provided with a placement due to no availability.*

The Housing Executive will seek to source and offer suitable temporary accommodation to those who present and to whom a duty is owed under the Housing (NI) Order 1988.

The Housing Executive will make every effort to identify temporary accommodation that aligns to the needs of the Applicant, however there may be occasions when, due to the challenges in supply and demand for temporary accommodation, where Applicants may determine that some aspects of suitability may not be entirely satisfactory. As a result, they may choose to decline an offer of temporary accommodation and make their own arrangements.

As, however, records are only kept of instances where accommodation is accepted, the information requested is not held by the Housing Executive. On any occasions on which the Housing Executive engages with households seeking temporary accommodation, notes will be added to the individual application but it is not possible for the Housing Executive to readily identify which households have refused a placement without a case by case review of each application.

3. *The amount of rough sleepers recorded in Belfast since October 2024 until March 2025*

The Housing Executive records rough sleepers in Belfast via an annual snapshot exercise carried out in collaboration with partners such as the Welcome Organisation. Figures on the most recent Rough Sleeping Street Count, carried out in November 2024, can be accessed [here](#). This outlines that there were 51 rough sleepers counted in Belfast on the night of Wednesday 6th November leading into the morning of Thursday 7th November 2024. From 13th February 2025 the Housing Executive has been tracking the number of rough sleeper and this work has highlighted an average of 24 rough sleepers per night from 13th February 2025 to 31st March 2025. The Housing Executive continues to work with a range of key stakeholders in addressing rough sleeping challenges in Belfast.

This concludes our response.