



15 August 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 868

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

Request

Can you provide the following information for 2024/2025:

- *Number of applicants given Full Duty Applicant status as a result of domestic violence?*
 - o *please provide separate information for male and female applicants*
- *Number of applicants accepted as FDA on the grounds of domestic abuse who were provided with temporary accommodation*
 - o *please provide separate information for male and female applicants*
- *Number of Supporting People-funded accommodation for women at risk of domestic violence by Council area*
 - o *Please confirm if there are any funded beds for males at risk of domestic violence*

Our response

- **Number of applicants given Full Duty Applicant status as a result of domestic violence?**
please provide separate information for male and female applicants

Table 1 below outlines the number of households accepted as homeless due to domestic violence in the 2024/25 financial year, broken down by gender. Please note that the gender listed refers to the gender of the main applicant of the household. It is not possible to provide a gender breakdown of the household members.

Please further note that the homelessness reason “Domestic Violence” has since been updated to “Domestic Abuse” to reflect updated definitions of domestic abuse in line with recent legislative changes.

Table 1: Homelessness Acceptances due to Domestic Violence 2024/25	
Female Head of Household	975
Male Head of Household	189
Total	1,164

- **Number of applicants accepted as FDA on the grounds of domestic abuse who were provided with temporary accommodation please provide separate information for male and female applicants**

Table 2 below outlines the number of households accepted as homeless due to domestic violence with temporary accommodation placements in the 2024/25 financial year, broken down by gender.

As outlined above, the gender listed refers to the gender of the main applicant of the household.

Table 2: TA Placements for Homelessness Acceptances due to Domestic Violence 2024/25	
Female Head of Household	201
Male Head of Household	54
Total	255

- **Number of Supporting People-funded accommodation for women at risk of domestic violence by Council area**

Council	Number of Services	Total Number of Units
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	2	19
Derry City & Strabane District Council	2	23
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	1	11
Ards & North Down Borough Council	1	7
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	2	9
Belfast City Council	2	33
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	1	12
Mid Ulster District Council	1	9
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	1	5
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council	1	10

- **Please confirm if there are any funded beds for males at risk of domestic violence**

There are currently no refuges or support services specifically for male victims of domestic violence, funded through the SP programme.

Whilst there is currently no specific provision for this group, there are a number of homeless services for males. Staff within these services undertake key work, engaging with clients through needs assessment, risk assessment and support planning in their provision of housing related support. This includes signposting clients to other agencies, where the support provider does not have the specific expertise or ability to support a particular element of need.

SP Funded Accommodation based services for 'Single Homeless with Support Needs' are detailed below:

	Number of Services	Number of Units
Men Only	6	242
Women Only	3	34
Mixed gender	25	681

This concludes our response.