

12 January 2024

Our Ref: FOI 230

Request

We received your request on 27 November 2023 for the following information:

Page 23 Irish of the Traveller Accommodation Strategy 2021-2026 states "Travellers wishing to live on a serviced site may apply under the "Selection Scheme For Travellers". Please can you provide a copy of the "Selection Scheme for Travellers".

Please advise the number of serviced sites managed by NIHE and the number of pitches on each.

Please advise the number of applications received for a pitch on a serviced site since January 2019.

Please advise the how many of these applicants were successful.

Please advise how many of these applicants were placed on a waiting list.

Please advise how many of these applicants remain on a waiting list.

The Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy 2021-2026 advises that Travellers "are not required to complete an application form for transit sites; instead, bookings must be made through the local Housing Executive office".

Please can you confirm the number of transit sites that fall under NIHE management, the location of the sites and the number of pitches on each site.

Please can you confirm by transit site, the number of applications received to book a pitch on a Transit Site from January 2019.

Please can you confirm the number of applicants who were successful in booking a place on their preferred Transit Site since January 2019.

Please can you confirm the number of applicants who were unsuccessful in booking a place on their preferred Transit Site from January 2019.

Please can you confirm the number of applicants placed on an alternative to their preferred transit site since January 2019.

Please can you confirm the number of applicants placed on a waiting list for a pitch on a transit site from January 2019.

Please can you confirm the number of applicants who have exceeded the 3 month maximum length of stay on a transit site since January 2019.

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

Our response

- 1. Page 23 Irish of the Traveller Accommodation Strategy 2021-2026 states "Travellers wishing to live on a serviced site may apply under the "Selection Scheme For Travellers". Please can you provide a copy of the "Selection Scheme for Travellers".**

At present, Irish Travellers are assessed under the same Housing Selection Scheme as the settled community.

- 2. Please advise the number of serviced sites managed by NIHE and the number of pitches on each.**

The table below provides the requested information as at November 2023:

Location	Type	No of pitches
Acorn Grove, Craigavon	Serviced	6
The Glen serviced site, Coalisland	Serviced	16
Daisyfield, Derry/Londonderry	Serviced & Transit	6 Serviced 6 Transit

- 3. Please advise the number of applications received for a pitch on a serviced site since January 2019.**

49.

- 4. Please advise the how many of these applicants were successful.**

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5. Please advise how many of these applicants were placed on a waiting list.

Nil.

6. Please advise how many of these applicants remain on a waiting list.

Nil, there is no active waiting list.

The Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy 2021-2026 advises that Travellers “are not required to complete an application form for transit sites; instead, bookings must be made through the local Housing Executive office”.

7. Please can you confirm the number of transit sites that fall under NIHE management, the location of the sites and the number of pitches on each site.

The table below provides the requested information as at November 2023:

Location	Type	No of pitches
Ballyarnett, Derry/Londonderry	Transit	11
Daisyfield, Derry/Londonderry	Serviced & Transit	6 Serviced 6 Transit
Greenbrae, Strabane	Transit	6

8. Please can you confirm by transit site, the number of applications received to book a pitch on a Transit Site from January 2019.

Not known.

9. Please can you confirm the number of applicants who were successful in booking a place on their preferred Transit Site since January 2019.

From 2023 all applicants successful.

10. Please can you confirm the number of applicants who were unsuccessful in booking a place on their preferred Transit Site from January 2019.

All successful.

11. Please can you confirm the number of applicants placed on an alternative to their preferred transit site since January 2019.

Not known.

12. Please can you confirm the number of applicants placed on a waiting list for a pitch on a transit site from January 2019.

Not known.

13. Please can you confirm the number of applicants who have exceeded the 3 month maximum length of stay on a transit site since January 2019.

All applicants reminded to renew their application once 3 months has expired.

This concludes our response.