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Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 748

Your request for information received on 09 April 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

There is a widely acknowledged public housing shortage. Since 1st January 2022, how many publicly owned Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) homes in the BT78 postcode area are you able to identify that have been left vacant (i.e. housing no-one at all and generating no rent to help fund NIHE operations) for:

- a. between 6 and 12 months?*
- b. between 12 and 18 months?*
- c. between 18 and 24 months?*
- d. more than 24 months?*

I require no addresses or personal information; just the numbers of vacant publicly owned properties.

Our response

The Housing Executive has two main categories for its void dwellings: actionable and non-actionable. Actionable voids are properties which are vacant while in the process of being allocated/ awaiting change of tenancy repairs. These may also include properties deemed difficult to let. Non-Actionable voids are properties that are not immediately available for allocation and are held vacant for operational reasons i.e. decanting purposes (where they are being used to house a tenant on a temporary basis

Housing Executive void data is only reportable at current point in time. The table below shows the number of current Housing Executive void properties in the BT78 area, as of 15th April 2025, broken down by -

- void category
- void duration

	0-6 Months	6-12 Months	12-18 Months	18-24 Months	24+ Months	Total
Actionable*	14	0	0	0	0	14
Non-actionable*	0	1	0	0	4	5

This concludes our response.