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Our Ref: FOI 420

Request

We received your request on 23 May 2024 for the following information:

Could you please tell me the number of vacant NIHE properties in Newry City? Could you also please tell me how many of these properties have gone longer than 6 months without allocation?

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

Our response

As of 29 May 2024, there were 35 void properties in the Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) which comprise Newry Town. This figure is made up of 7 actionable and 28 non-actionable voids.

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 pending works to their home), planned maintenance schemes, and properties which have been identified for sale/transfer or have approval for demolition.

Of the 35 properties, 23 have been void for more than 6 months. These are all non-actionable voids.

This concludes our response.