

29 August 2024

Our Ref: FOI 494

Request

We received your request on 14 August 2024 for the following information:

- *How many families with four children under the age of 12 have been waiting more than 2 years to be allocated a permanent home?*
- *How many families with four children are on the list? (We understand GDPR and if less than 3 or 5 we will understand you cannot disclose)*
- *What is the minimum points that have allowed a family to be offered a permanent home?*

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

Our response

Q1 How many families with four children have been waiting more than 2 years to be allocated a 3 bedroom permanent home in CLA Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank, CLA Ballynagard, CLA Ballyoan, CLA Belmont, CLA Carnhill/Galliagh, CLA Creggan, CLA Creggan Lwr, CLA Eglinton and CLA Shantallow?

Table 1 below shows the count of all applicationsⁱ with a requirement for 3-bedroom accommodationⁱⁱ who have been on the waiting list, for the CLAs requested, for 2 years or longer, as of 1st July 2024ⁱⁱⁱ.

Table 1	
CLA	Application Count
Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank	33
Ballynagard	10
Ballyoan	10
Belmont	<10 ^{iv}
Carnhill/Galliagh	93

Creggan	35
Eglinton	18
Lower Creggan	<10
Shantallow	13

Q2 How many families with four children are on the list for a 3 bed in CLA Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank, CLA Ballynagard, CLA Ballyoan, CLA Belmont, CLA Carnhill/Galliagh, CLA Creggan, CLA Creggan Lwr, CLA Eglinton and CLA Shantallow

The table below shows all applications on the waiting list with a requirement for 3-bedroom accommodation, in the CLAs requested, as of 1st July 2024.

Table 2	
CLA	Application Count
Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank	42
Ballynagard	14
Ballyoan	30
Belmont	<10
Carnhill/Galliagh	122
Creggan	47
Eglinton	27
Lower Creggan	15
Shantallow	21

Q3 What is the minimum points that have allowed a family to be offered a permanent 3 bed home CLA Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank, CLA Ballynagard, CLA Ballyoan, CLA Belmont, CLA Carnhill/Galliagh, CLA Creggan, CLA Creggan Lwr, CLA Eglinton and CLA Shantallow in the last 2 years

The table below set out the lowest points level for all social allocations of 3-bedroom dwellings^v made to applicants, in the CLAs^{vi} requested, between 01/07/22 to 30/06/24.

Table 3	
CLA	Minimum Point Award
Ballymagroarty/Hazelbank Ballynagard Ballyoan Belmont	212
Carnhill/Galliagh	192
Creggan	182
Eglinton Lower Creggan Shantallow	98

¹ Please note there are other household combinations on the waiting list that will also require 3-bedroom accommodation. To reflect total demand more accurately, all household categories, including those with four or more children, have been included in tables 1 & 2.

¹ It should be noted that, in certain circumstances, the Housing Selection Scheme rules can afford an additional bedroom entitlement to an applicant, based on their individual needs. The bedroom entitlement in this dataset corresponds to the minimum bedroom requirements under the rules of the HSS, therefore the 'actual' bedroom need of some applicants included in it may vary from the 'calculated' need.

¹ Social housing waiting list data held by the Housing Executive, forms part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, which is published quarterly as a National Statistic by the Department for Communities. Therefore, in order to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the data provided is based on the most recently published data (end June 2024)

¹ Where there are figures less than 10, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.

¹ Allocations of 3-bedroom dwellings made to all household category types, have been included in table 3 to more accurately reflect turnover of 3-bedroom properties.

¹ Owing to the low numbers of allocations in certain CLAs, to prevent potential data breaches, we have created aggregated categories and provided the lowest allocation for the group.

This concludes our response.