

August 2023

Waiting list and 4 bed properties in Harpers Hill and Millburn area

1. How many 4 bed properties have only 1 or 2 tenants currently living in them in the Coleraine East area (harpurs hill and Millburn especially)

The table below shows the current number of 4 bed properties that have *Sole and *Joint Tenancies within the areas of Harpers Hill and Millburn.

Area	Sole Tenancies	Joint Tenancies
Harpers Hill	14	<10
Millburn	<10	<10

*Sole Tenancy – A sole tenancy refers to the contractual agreement that exists between the Housing Executive as landlord, and a single individual, known as the tenant, who has exclusive occupancy and legal rights to a property during the period of tenancy.

*Joint Tenancy – A joint tenancy refers to the contractual agreement that exists between the Housing Executive as landlord, and two or more individuals, commonly referred to as “joint tenants” who have equal occupancy and legal rights to a property during the period of tenancy.

The Housing Executive does not mandate tenants to advise on additional household members residing in its properties and therefore do not hold information on the number of people currently residing in each property.

2. How many people are on the waiting list with a 4 bed property need in the coleraine east area (harpurshill and millburn area)

The table below shows the total number of people on the waiting list with a *4 bedroom requirement, and a first preference CLA of Harpers Hill and Millburn, as

of 30th June 2023. Please note that there may be other applicants on these lists who have not selected these areas as a first preference.

Housing CLA	Number of people on waiting list in need of a 4 bedroom property
Harpers Hill	<10
Millburn	10

**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.*

- What is the number of points on this list for a 4 bed need in these areas, how many points is currently "top of list"
- How long have these applications been on the waiting list for a 4 bed property in the coleraine east area (harpurshill & Millburn)

	Allocations from 01/07/18 to 30/06/23 to 4 Bed Properties by Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) in the Coleraine Local Office Area and at N. Ireland Level by Mean & Median Points (Pts) at the Point of Allocation & Mean & Median Months (Mths) on the Waiting List (WL) at the Point of Allocation.
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	No. of Allocations to 4 Bed Properties	Mean Pts at the Point of Allocation	Median Pts at the Point of Allocation	Mean Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation	Median Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation
Harpers Hill CLA	<10	126.7	124.0	31.3	30.0
Millburn CLA	<10				
N. Ireland	501	154.3	160.0	34.4	23.0

Notes:

- When a question of "average waiting times" or "average points" is asked MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided. Reasons for this include:

- The MEAN is the arithmetic average and as a statistic can often be unreliable, having been skewed by significant outliers i.e. applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years
- This degree of skewing makes the arithmetic average, the MEAN, unreliable. Therefore, following expert advice on this matter a methodology that utilises the MEDIAN (a measure of central tendency)

as a more reliable indicator in relation to Waiting Lists and Allocations is also provided.

- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.
- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 - It is important to note the GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018 regarding the potential risk of identifying individuals and individual households. Guidance from NISRA suggests that equality monitoring information should not be disclosed in sensitive cases where individuals or individual households could be identified. Also the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 'Anonymisation: Managing Data Protection Risk' Code of Practice states 'where less than 10 responses have been given to an answer that identifies something factual, all variables relating to that question have been suppressed'. However, 'it should be noted that attitudinal questions are not bound by this rule, in addition to responses of 'Don't know', 'Refused', 'Other' or similar. As the information provided is considered sensitive some statistical disclosure controls may have been placed on the tables with the omission of data in cases where there are less than ten Applicants.
- Also in the interests of Data Protection we have had to remove the points and the waiting time for some allocations where there was less than 10 allocations and where the points level and the waiting time was substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average points and waiting time.

5. How many of the applications with a 4 bed need for these areas have been on the waiting list for over 3 years.

There are <10 applications which have been on these waiting lists for longer than 36 months.

Due to the low numbers of cases, <10, we are unable to provide further information in order to avoid providing personal information of identifiable individuals in accordance with FOI Act Section 40 (2).