

Response to: FOI 165 November 2023 For further information contact: foi@nihe.co.uk

Accommodation information for Mid Ulster

1. How many people are on the Housing executive housing list in Maghera, Mid Ulster.

June 2023 Mid Ulster, HNA	All Applicants	Applicants in Housing Stress	Allocations to Applicants
Maghera	116	71	<10

Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive, form 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 2023).

Applicant Information (all applicants and applicants in housing stress) is as at 30th June 2023.

Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period.

Please note that where there are figures less than 10, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements

2. What is the highest number of points on this list? (Maghera)

June 2023 Mid Ulster, HNA	All Applicants	Applicants in Housing Stress	Allocations to Applicants	Highest Points
Maghera	116	71	<10	200

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Applicant Information (all applicants, applicants in housing stress, highest points) is as at 30th June 2023.

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3. How many temporary accommodation single let's are there in Mid Ulster, Magherafelt area. Are these currently occupied.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive have 4 single let temporary accommodation properties located within the Magherafelt area, all of which are occupied at present.

4. What is the approx waiting time for a housing executive house to be offered to someone at the top of the waiting list in Maghera/magherafelt area.

The table below shows the waiting times in months at the point of allocation for allocations to applicants with 30+ Pts; from 01/10/22 – 30/09/23 by Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) within the Magherafelt Local Office area and at N. Ireland level. In the interests of Data Protection we have had to remove the waiting times for some CLAs where there was less than 10 allocations and where the waiting time was substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall mean average waiting times at N. Ireland level. (These were primarily CLA's with small numbers of properties). The table should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

	Ilocations 01/10/22 - 30/09/23 by Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) in the Magherafelt Local Office Area and at N. Irelan evel to Housing Executive Properties by Housing Stress (30+ Pts) and Median & Median Months on the Waiting List a the Point of Allocation.						
NIHE Local Office	Breakdown of Pts	CLA	No. of Allocations	Mean Mths on the WL at the Point of Allocation	Median Mths or the WL at the Point of Allocation		
	30+ Pts	Bellaghy	<10				
		Carmean	<10				
		Castledawson	<10	33.0	39.5		
		Culnady	<10				
		Curran	<10				
		Desertmartin	<10				
		Draperstown	<10				
Magherafelt		Gulladuff	<10				
		Maghera	<10	25.8	23.0		
		Magherafelt	19	35.4	21.0		
		Tamlaght	<10	3.0	3.0		
		Tobermore/Ballinahone	<10				
		Upperlands	<10				
		Total	41	28.5	16.0		
N. Ireland	Less than 30Pts		47	21.2	12.0		
	30+ Pts		2708	29.7	19.0		
	Total		2755	29.6	19.0		

Notes:

- Allocations data is for allocations to Housing Executive properties only.
- There were no allocations made to applicants with less than 30 points from 01/10/22 30/09/23 within the Magherafelt Local Offices.
- Allocations are for allocations to applicant households only.
- An applicant household is considered to be in housing stress if they have 30+ pts.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.
- 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.

- 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.