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Our Ref: FOI 304

Request

We received your request on 10 February 2024 for the following information:

Can I please request MEAN points on management transfer list for Omagh area?

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

Our response

The table below provides data on the Waiting List Mean and Median Points for the Omagh NIHE Local Office and Northern Ireland as of 01/10/23, by application type (Northern Ireland Housing Executive Management Transfers and Housing Associations Management Transfers). The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Table 1: Housing Executive Waiting List Mean and Median Points for the Omagh NIHE Local Office as of 01/10/23, by application type (NIHE Transfer Management and HA Transfer Management)				
	NIHE Local office	No. of Application Households	Mean Pts	Median Pts
NIHE Transfer Management	Omagh	39	117.6	122.0
NIHE Transfer Management	Northern Ireland	3382	114.8	114.0
HA Transfer Management	Omagh	<10	96.4	120.0
HA Transfer Management	Northern Ireland	1466	114.3	120.0
Total Management Transfers	Omagh	39*	114.4	121.0
Total Management Transfers	Northern Ireland	4848	114.7	116.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (as at 01/10/2023).
- 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.

- 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.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10
- * Totals minus cases where there are less than 10