# Housing Executive

24 October 2025

Dear Applicant

## Our Ref: FOI 958

Your request for information received on 14 October 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

### Request

*Would you be able to list the points on average for areas in West Belfast to get housed ? And also the average waiting time*

### Our response

Further to your clarification of 15/10/25, in which you confirmed that you would like your request to be answered for each CLA in West Belfast, the table below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List in West Belfast and Dairy Farm NIHE Local offices, by Common Landlord Area (CLA), giving Mean & Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation for a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

| No. of allocations from the Social Housing Waiting List for a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025 in West Belfast and Dairy Farm NIHE Local Offices, by Common Landlord Area (CLA), Mean & Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation | | | | | | |
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| **NIHE Local Office / Geography** | **CLA** | **No. of allocations** | **Mean Waiting Time (in months) at the point of allocation** | **Median Waiting Time (in months) at the point of allocation** | **Mean Points at the point of allocation** | **Median Points at the point of allocation** |
| ***West Belfast NIHE Local Office*** | Andersonstown | 533 | 49.7 | 38.0 | 182.9 | 178.0 |
| | Ardmoulin | <10 | x | x | x | x |
| | Ballymurphy | 12 | 53.8 | 52.0 | 213.0 | 220.0 |
| | Beechmount | 27 | 44.4 | 28.0 | 176.2 | 166.0 |
| | Cavendish Street | 26 | 49.1 | 43.0 | 173.9 | 173.0 |
| | Cluan Mor Springvale | <10 | 28.0 | 22.0 | x | x |
| | Divis Complex | 67 | 38.5 | 27.0 | 142.9 | 142.0 |
| | Falls Court / Clonard Cres | 59 | 38.2 | 25.0 | 157.3 | 162.0 |

| NIHE Local Office / Geography | CLA | No. of allocations | Mean Waiting Time (in months) at the point of allocation | Median Waiting Time (in months) at the point of allocation | Mean Points at the point of allocation | Median Points at the point of allocation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gransha/Downfine | <10 | x | x | 136.4 | 136.0 |
| | Hamill St / John St | 50 | 48.0 | 38.0 | 155.5 | 150.0 |
| | Hannahstown | 121 | 50.6 | 37.0 | 215.6 | 212.0 |
| | Lower Falls Grosvenor | 103 | 43.7 | 28.0 | 170.2 | 180.0 |
| | Lower Springfield Road | 58 | 47.9 | 41.0 | 169.4 | 163.0 |
| | Lower Suffolk | 23 | 25.0 | 18.0 | 122.5 | 124.0 |
| | Moyard | 21 | 51.5 | 46.0 | 200.8 | 210.0 |
| | New Barnsley | <10 | 31.3 | 27.5 | x | x |
| | Rockmount | <10 | 32.5 | 32.5 | x | x |
| | Roden Street | 23 | 43.5 | 37.0 | 178.0 | 180.0 |
| | Springfield Park | <10 | x | x | x | x |
| | Springhill | 20 | 57.8 | 50.5 | 187.9 | 190.0 |
| | St James | 48 | 40.0 | 22.0 | 150.2 | 154.5 |
| | Turf Lodge / Gortnamona | 42 | 71.0 | 54.5 | 183.0 | 190.0 |
| | Upper Dunmurry Lane / Areema | 60 | 31.5 | 13.5 | 151.1 | 152.0 |
| | Westrock | 18 | 59.1 | 45.5 | 150.1 | 136.0 |
| | Whiterock | 31 | 33.5 | 25.0 | 157.7 | 174.0 |
| | *West Belfast NIHE Local Office Total* | *1,360* | *47.0* | *35.0* | *175.9* | *176.0* |
| *Dairy Farm NIHE Local Office* | Twinbrook-Poleglass | 562 | 43.9 | 34.0 | 184.7 | 190.0 |
| **N. Ireland Total** | | **30,501** | **29.5** | **18.0** | **147.0** | **146.0** |

**Notes:**

- This response is based on the most recently published data (allocations up to 30/06/2025)

- Allocations are aggregated over a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.

- When a question of "average waiting times" or "average points" is asked, MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided.

  Reasons for this include:

  The MEAN (arithmetic average) is useful for understanding overall trends but can be heavily skewed by outliers (unusually high or low values) – for example, applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years or who have just joined the waiting list.

The MEDIAN (middle value, a measure of central tendency) is less affected by outliers and represents a "typical" case better when the data is skewed.

By presenting both, we ensure that the analysis captures both central tendency and the potential impact of unusually high or low values.

We also note that when the number of applicants is small, statistical indicators become less reliable and have a much lower predictive value regarding the "typical" experience. In such cases, the figures may be more indicative of the specific circumstances of the individual applicant households rather than a broader trend. Caution must be exercised when interpreting the results.

- Where the number of applicants/allocations is less than 10, the figure has been shown as <10 in accordance with Data Protection and UK GDPR requirements.

- Further in the interest of Data Protection we have had to remove points/waiting time data for some categories where there was only one allocation or less than 10 allocations and where the value was substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average.

Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 states that 'the person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to those statistics.' Provision of the requested figures before publication of the DfC Housing Bulletin in which the dataset from which they would be drawn is published would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of parts T3.3 and T3.4. The figures beyond the period already covered by the latest Housing Bulletin (after 30/06/2025) are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act – disclosure prohibited by other legislation, pending publication of the next Housing Bulletin, which is currently expected by the end of November.

This concludes our response.