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Request

We received your request on 19 September 2024 for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of housing executive stock, including turnover and the demand in each area for 4 and 4+ bedroom properties please. I would also appreciate information on the average points needed for one of these properties. For these requests I am asking specifically for North, South, East and West Belfast and North Down areas.

20.09 clarification request:
To enable us to proceed with this please clarify:

"I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of housing executive stock, including turnover and the demand in each area for 4 and 4+ bedroom properties please."

Could you define what timeframe you wish us to cover when addressing turnover please?

20.09 response:
If possible from January 2023 to present.

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

Our response

I would be grateful if you could supply me with a list, quantity, areas and availability of housing executive stock, including turnover and the demand in each area for 4 and 4+ bedroom properties please.

The table below shows the details of all -

- 4 and >4-bedroom stock
- void 4 and >4-bedroom stock

in the Area Offices requested, broken down by CLA, as of 26th September 2024.

Area Office & CLA	Stock		Voids*	
	4-bed	>4-bed	4-bed	>4-bed
North Belfast	**306**	**46**	**<10**	**<10**
Alliance	2		<10	
Ardoyne	57	1		
Ballysillan	45		<10	
Carlisle/New Lodge	70	3	<10	
Carrick Hill	6	4		
Cavehill	12	2		<10
Cliftonville	22	20		<10
Fairhill/Waverley/Downview	3			
Gainsborough/Mountcollyer	20	1	<10	
Glandore	4			
Gray Mount/Shore Crescent	1			
Lower Ligoniel/Glenbank	5			
Mount Vernon Estate	2			
Oldpark	19	7		
Skegoneill/Ashfield/Fortwilliam	5	1		
Sunningdale	1			
Tigers Bay	8			
Upper Ligoniel	22	1		
White City		5		
Whitewell/Fairyknowe	2			
North Down & Ards	**203**	**15**	**<10**	
Ballydrain	1			
Ballygowan	7		<10	
Ballyhalbert	1			
Ballywalter	2			
Bangor, Kilcooley	13			
Bloomfield Rd/Balloo	11		<10	
Bowtown	8			
Carrowdore	5			
Churchill	3	1		
Clandeboye Rd	1			

Cloughey	1			
Comber	18	7		
Conlig/Breezemount	4			
Cottown	1			
Crawfordsburn	1			
Donaghadee	9			
Glen	8	1		
Greyabbey	1			
Groomsport	1			
Holywood/Redburn	2			
Killinchy	1			
Kircubbin	2	1		
Loughview/White City	27	2		
Millisle	6			
Movilla	16			
Portaferry	5	1		
Portavogie	4			
Rural Area, Helen's Bay	1			
Scrabo	8			
Spencer Street	2		<10	
Strand/Kinnegar	1			
West Winds	21	2		
Whitehill	10	1		
Woodlands	1			
South and East Belfast	**317**	**32**	**<10**	
Albertbridge Rd.	26	2		
Ardcarn	14			
Ashmount		3		
Ballyhackamore	3			
Belvoir	7			
Bloomfield/Ravenscroft		1		
Braniel	6			
Castlereagh	20			
Clarawood	3			
Cregagh Castlereagh	16			
Cromac	42	12		
Donegall Pass	5			
Donegall Road	11			
Dundela	2			
Finaghy	15			
Garnerville	9	3		
Inverary	10			
Knocknagoney	1		<10	
Lisburn Road	6	1		
Lower Ormeau	24	6	<10	
Lwr Beersbridge/The Mount	10			

Milltown/Grays Park	1			
Milltown/Shaws Bridge	4			
Newtownards Road	16			
Orchard Court	1			
Sandy Row	10	2		
Short Strand	17		<10	
Summerhill	1			
Sydenham/Sandbrook/Lisavon	4			
Taughmonagh	3			
Tullycarnet	11	2		
Upper Ormeau	8			
Vionville Rural	1			
Woodstock/Ravenhill	10			
West Belfast	**559**	**99**	**<10**	
Ainsworth	6			
Andersonstown	30	22	<10	
Ballygomartin	1	1		
Ballymurphy	78	1	<10	
Beechmount	3			
Cambrai/Woodvale	6			
Cavendish Street	4			
Cluan Mor Springvale	16	1		
Divis Complex	16			
Falls Court/Clonard Cres	3	1		
Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill	20			
Glencairn	5	2		
Hannahstown	2			
Highfield	5			
Lower Falls Grosvenor	16	5		
Lower Springfield Road	9			
Lower Suffolk	18			
Mid Shankill	2			
Moyard	5	1		
New Barnsley	18			
Roden Street	32			
Springhill	6	4		
Springmartin	1			
St James	4	1		
Turf Lodge/Gortnamona	125	3		
Twaddell/Upper Woodvale	1			
Twinbrook-Poleglass	112	57		
Upper Shankill	2			
Westrock	13	4		
Grand Total	**1385**	**190**	**15**	**<10**

* Where there is a total lower than 10, it has been listed as <10 in compliance with data protection requirements.

I would also appreciate information on the average points needed for one of these properties. For these requests I am asking specifically for North, South, East and West Belfast and North Down areas.

The table below provides data on the number of allocations of *4 or more* bedroom properties for a 5-year period from 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2024 and Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation in the following NIHE Area Offices:

- Ards & North Down
- North Belfast
- South & East Belfast
- West Belfast

The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Number of 4+ bedroom property allocations in selected NIHE Area Offices for a 5-year period from 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2024, with Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation			
NIHE Area Office	**No. of allocations (4+ bedroom properties only)**	**Mean Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation**	**Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation**
Ards & North Down	27	197.0	192.0
North Belfast	60	158.7	170.0
South & East Belfast	41	168.6	170.0
West Belfast	50	176.4	198.0
N. Ireland Total	**531**	**160.6**	**162.0**

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data at the point of the request (allocations up to 30/06/2024)

- Allocations data includes 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 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.

This concludes our response.