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Request

We received your request on 23 October 2024 for the following information:

1) The number of people on the waiting list for a three bed ground floor property in Belfast;
2) The number of people on the waiting list for a three bed ground floor property in NI;
3) The number of unoccupied three bed ground floor properties in Belfast; and
4) The number of unoccupied three bed ground floor properties in NI.

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

Our response

1) ***The number of people on the waiting list for a three bed ground floor property in Belfast;***

2) ***The number of people on the waiting list for a three bed ground floor property in NI;***

The tables below provide the requested data, as at 30th June 2024, for Belfast Local Government District and for NI, showing:

- Total applicants, and allocations to applicants, for all those who require a ground floor property for them or someone in their household;
- Total applicants, and allocations to applicants, for those requiring a 3 bedroom ground floor property them or someone in their household.

The tables should be read in conjunction with the notes provided.

	Applicants	HS Applicants	Allocations
Belfast LGD	1484	1334	371
Require 3 bedroom ground floor property	99	96	12

	Applicants	HS Applicants	Allocations
Northern Ireland	8600	7392	1879
Require 3 bedroom ground floor property	588	547	71

Notes
- Applicant Information (all applicants / applicants in housing stress) is as at end June 2024.
- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period.
- Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive, forms part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, Therefore, to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data (end June 2024).

Waiting List figures are produced quarterly and so the most up to date figures are as at 30th September 2024. However, Waiting List Statistics are included in the Department for Communities Housing Bulletin which is designated as a National Statistic.

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 September 2024 figures 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.

3) *The number of unoccupied three bed ground floor properties in Belfast*

As of 24th October 2024, there was 1 actionable* void three-bedroom ground floor property in Belfast.

4) *The number of unoccupied three bed ground floor properties in NI*

As of 24th October 2024, there were 9 actionable and 17 non-actionable void three-bedroom ground floor properties in Northern Ireland.

*Actionable voids are properties which are vacant while in the process of being allocated/awaiting change of tenancy repairs. These may also include properties deemed difficult to let. Non-Actionable   voids are properties that are not immediately available for allocation and are held vacant for operational reasons i.e. decanting purposes (where they are being used to house a tenant on a temporary basis pending works to their home), planned maintenance schemes, and properties which have been identified for sale/transfer or have approval for demolition.

This concludes our response.