

Ms Nicola Browne,
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19/06/2017

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN/FOI/2017/11

Dear Ms Browne,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your e-mail dated 7th June 2017 and can confirm that your request has been processed as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I note that you have requested the following information:

- 1) Statistics on 'residual housing need' for the NIHE North Belfast District Area broken down by Common Landlord Area or smallest unit available for:

- March 2016
- December 2016
- March 2017

Response: Residual Need is only calculated annually as part of the Housing Need Assessment process based on end of March figures. The production of the 2017 HNA process is on-going and a residual need figure is not yet available. The HNA process is assessed at HNA level as the smallest level available.

Residual Need HNA Area	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
North Belfast 1	634.2	778.4	781.2	870.8	937.6
North Belfast 2	23.8	37	15.4	Nil	38

- 2) Total number of waiting list applicants in the NIHE North Belfast District Area broken down by Common Landlord Area or smallest unit available for

- March 2016
- December 2016
- March 2017

Total W List Applic. HNA Area	March 2016	December 2016	March 2017
North Belfast 1	1703	1729	1827
North Belfast 2	629	669	686

3) Total number of waiting list applicants in housing stress in the NIHE North Belfast District Area broken down by Common Landlord Area or smallest unit available for:

- March 2016
- December 2016
- March 2017

HS W. List HNA Area	March 2016	December 2016	March 2017
North Belfast 1	1269	1320	1393
North Belfast 2	336	374	371

4) Total number of allocations in the NIHE North Belfast District Area broken down by Common Landlord Area or smallest unit available for:

- March 2016
- December 2016
- March 2017

Allocations HNA Area	March 2016	December 2016	March 2017
North Belfast 1	305	413	403
North Belfast 2	265	255	267

5) Total number of void housing units for the NIHE North Belfast District Area broken down by Common Landlord Area or smallest unit available for:

- March 2016
- December 2016
- March 2017

Voids HNA Area	March 2016	December 2016	March 2017
North Belfast 1	44	N/A	39
North Belfast 2	33	N/A	39

Information on sites of land vested by NIHE in the last three years broken down by Common Landlord Area or the smallest unit available, and reason for vesting.(I note from your e-mail 9/6/2017 that your request only relates to North Belfast .)

I would advise that No's 24-54 Fortwilliam Parade Belfast were vested 18th August 2014 and were acquired for demolition. The cleared site was subsequently transferred to CHOICE Housing (Ireland) Ltd 7th March 2016 for development of 9 units of social housing.

6) Up to date information on how the NIHE calculates housing need for the purposes of the Social Housing Development Programme i.e. whether the previous 'Assessment of Need for Social Rented Housing' (attached) has been updated.

The manual referred to remains the methodology by which the NIHE assesses the Housing Need Assessment. Since restructuring internally within the NIHE some references to department names etc may have altered but no changes to the approach has been made and the methodology remains unchanged as advised in previous correspondence in September 2016. (The staff guidance manual is pending amendments to update department names etc).

If you feel that the information we have provided does not fully meet your request, please contact us a 03448 920900 in the first instance. You have the right to request a formal review by the Housing Executive within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to:

The Access to Information Manager
Corporate Communications
6th Floor
The Housing Centre
2 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8PB

Alternatively, you can email the FOI Team at records@nihe.gov.uk .

If after such an internal review you are still dissatisfied with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

Yours Sincerely,

Elma Newberry
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