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Ref: FOI\_21\_340

Dear Ms Jennings

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the above legislation. You requested the following information:

*In order to better understand the state of housing need in Belfast, we request*

- 1. the most recent residual need figures broken down by HNA area (North, West, South/East Belfast). (If your mechanism for calculating residual need has changed at all since your FOI 21 104 to us dated 28 May 2021 please indicate this and provide an update on the methodology.)*
- 2. the most up to date estimates available on the current total number of social housing units there are in use / fit for use (including Housing Executive and housing association social housing units), by HNA area.*

Part two of your request was responded to by our Housing Services Division on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. You were advised at that time of receipt of your FOI that the information requested in part one would not be available until mid-May, as Housing Need Assessment is an annual exercise that is not completed until May. You agreed that you were content to wait for the information requested in part one to become available.

The table below provides the most recent residual need figures for Belfast broken down by HNA area. These figures are as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Group HNA	HNA Area	Average Residual Need
North Belfast	North Belfast 1	1328
North Belfast	North Belfast 2	133
South & East Belfast	Upper Ormeau	307
South & East Belfast	Donegall Road	92
South & East Belfast	Finaghy	159
South & East Belfast	Inner East Belfast	348
South & East Belfast	Lisburn Road	370
South & East Belfast	Lower Ormeau	289
South & East Belfast	Middle East Belfast	361
South & East Belfast	Outer East Belfast	297
South & East Belfast	Short Strand	49
West Belfast	Ainsworth/Woodvale	51
West Belfast	Ballygomartin	32
West Belfast	Inner West Belfast	739
West Belfast	Lower Shankill	-8
West Belfast	Mid Shankill	71
West Belfast	Middle West Belfast	1029
West Belfast	Outer West Belfast	574

I can confirm that there has been no change to the methodology used to calculate residual need since that which was provided to you under FOI\_21\_104.

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

You may write to:

Freedom of Information  
Information Governance Team  
Planning, Performance Risk & Governance  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
The Housing Centre  
2 Adelaide Street  
Belfast, BT2 8PB

or send an email to [foi@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nihe.gov.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the **Personal Information**

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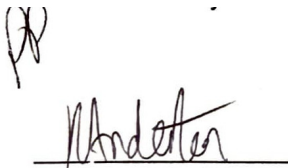
Housing Executive's internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Kelly Anderton  
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Yours sincerely

  
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