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Dear Mark

**AQW 18371/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 18371/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**

## **Annex A**

This issue is an operational matter for the Housing Executive.

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

*“(i) to detail the proportion of applicants on the social housing waiting list identified as having mental health needs, broken down by (a) sex; and (b) local council area.*

*The Housing Executive does not specifically record and/or publish the information requested because the Housing Selection Scheme is not designed to record and assess a person’s mental health needs in isolation. Rather it is designed to record and assess the effect the person’s mental health is having, and will have, on their housing need, not simply that fact that a mental health condition exists.*

*(ii) to detail the proportion of applicants on the social housing waiting list identified as having complex needs, broken down by (a) sex; and (b) local council area.*

*The table attached below provides data on the total number of applicants and the number of complex needs applicants on the social housing waiting list as at 30/09/2024, broken down by Local Government District and Sex. Please note that the table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes found below.*

- This response is based on the most recently published data from our Housing Management System (Waiting List data as at 30/09/2024).*
- Waiting List data is a snapshot of the waiting list as it was on the last day of the specified quarter, in this case 30/09/2024.*
- In order to prevent data duplication, the number of applicants is based on their 1<sup>st</sup> area of choice only.*

- *Sex relates to the sex of the 1st applicant in the household.*
- *The number of complex needs applicants is based on the number of applicants on the waiting list with the Complex Needs indicator set to "Yes" on the Housing Management System.*

*Table 1: Total number of applicants on the waiting list and number of complex needs applicants on the waiting list as at 30/09/2024, broken down by Local Government District and Sex*

<i>Local Government District</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Total No. of Applicants on the Waiting List as at 30/09/2024</i>	<i>No. of Complex Needs Applicants on the Waiting List as at 30/09/2024</i>
<i>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>2,002</i>	<i>633</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,473</i>	<i>411</i>
	<i>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey Total</i>	<i>3,475</i>	<i>1,044</i>
<i>Ards &amp; North Down</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1,985</i>	<i>650</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,393</i>	<i>449</i>
	<i>Ards &amp; North Down Total</i>	<i>3,378</i>	<i>1,099</i>
<i>Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>2,349</i>	<i>355</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,696</i>	<i>247</i>
	<i>Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon Total</i>	<i>4,045</i>	<i>602</i>
<i>Belfast</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>6,664</i>	<i>1,015</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>6,396</i>	<i>898</i>
	<i>Belfast Total</i>	<i>13,060</i>	<i>1,913</i>

<i>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>2,214</i>	<i>499</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,578</i>	<i>359</i>
	<i>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Total</i>	<i>3,792</i>	<i>858</i>
<i>Derry &amp; Strabane</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>3,447</i>	<i>898</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>2,891</i>	<i>746</i>
	<i>Derry &amp; Strabane Total</i>	<i>6,338</i>	<i>1,644</i>
<i>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1,269</i>	<i>632</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>949</i>	<i>503</i>
	<i>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh Total</i>	<i>2,218</i>	<i>1,135</i>
<i>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1,452</i>	<i>232</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,096</i>	<i>166</i>
	<i>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh Total</i>	<i>2,548</i>	<i>398</i>
<i>Mid &amp; East Antrim</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1,894</i>	<i>416</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,283</i>	<i>256</i>
	<i>Mid &amp; East Antrim Total</i>	<i>3,177</i>	<i>672</i>
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1,389</i>	<i>361</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>955</i>	<i>247</i>

	<i>Mid Ulster Total</i>	<i>2,344</i>	<i>608</i>
<i>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>2,280</i>	<i>856</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>1,711</i>	<i>706</i>
	<i>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down Total</i>	<i>3,991</i>	<i>1,562</i>
<i>N. Ireland Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>26,945</i>	<i>6,547</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>21,421</i>	<i>4,988</i>
	<i>N. Ireland Total</i>	<i>48,366</i>	<i>11,535"</i>

For any future queries relating to operational matters, you may wish to contact the Housing Executive directly. Making direct contact with them will ensure that you receive the information in the shortest possible timeframe and make best use of public resources.