

From: The Minister

Date: 6 July 2026

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Dear Mark,

AQW 48702/22-27– INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of information provided to answer AQW 48702/22-27, I have arranged for the detail attached at Annex A to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

This issue is an operational matter for Northern Ireland Housing Executive; they have advised me as follows:

*“Table 1 below presents the number of transfer applicant households on the waiting list at the end of **March 2026** across the Northern Ireland parliamentary constituencies. It details the transfer applicant households who have been waiting for housing, over 1 year, 3 years, 5 years and 10 years. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

Table 1:

Parliamentary Constituency	More than one Year	More than 3 years	More than 5 years	More than 10 years
<i>Belfast East</i>	502	264	152	48
<i>Belfast East/South</i>	86	49	21	6
<i>Belfast North</i>	1,013	623	354	102
<i>Belfast North/East/South/West</i>	16	9	7	1
<i>Belfast South</i>	585	324	194	56
<i>Belfast South/Strangford</i>	16	7	3	1
<i>Belfast West</i>	944	575	382	120
<i>Belfast West/North</i>	31	11	6	1
<i>Belfast West/South</i>	7	4	2	1
<i>East Antrim</i>	274	149	86	21
<i>East Londonderry</i>	502	312	173	60
<i>Fermanagh South Tyrone</i>	253	148	77	21
<i>Foyle</i>	746	398	204	56

Parliamentary Constituency	More than one Year	More than 3 years	More than 5 years	More than 10 years
<i>Lagan Valley</i>	394	206	116	29
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	178	105	62	17
<i>Newry & Armagh</i>	301	164	99	30
<i>North Antrim</i>	399	204	126	34
<i>North Down</i>	341	201	109	18
<i>South Antrim</i>	294	166	102	25
<i>South Down</i>	243	151	90	21
<i>Strangford</i>	326	163	88	27
<i>Upper Bann</i>	307	184	108	41
<i>West Tyrone</i>	302	198	136	53
Northern Ireland Total	8,060	4,615	2,697	789

Table 2 below provides contextual information on waiting times at the point of allocation for transfer applicant households as at March 2026, broken down by Northern Ireland parliamentary constituencies. It shows how long households had been waiting before receiving an allocation across four-time bands: over 1 year, 3 years, 5 years and 10 years. The table should also be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Table 2:

Parliamentary Constituency	More than one Year on list at point of allocation	More than 3 years at point of allocation	More than 5 years at point of allocation	More than 10 years at point of allocation
<i>Belfast East</i>	72	27	10	<10
<i>Belfast East/South</i>	<10	<10	<10	<10
<i>Belfast North</i>	110	45	15	<10
<i>Belfast North/East/South/West</i>	20	<10	<10	0
<i>Belfast South</i>	84	33	22	<10
<i>Belfast South/Strangford</i>	11	<10	<10	0
<i>Belfast West</i>	136	75	39	<10
<i>Belfast West/North</i>	<10	<10	<10	0
<i>Belfast West/South</i>	<10	<10	<10	<10
<i>East Antrim</i>	52	21	<10	<10
<i>East Londonderry</i>	45	17	10	<10
<i>Fermanagh South Tyrone</i>	26	<10	<10	0
<i>Foyle</i>	117	60	19	<10
<i>Lagan Valley</i>	91	32	14	<10
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	14	<10	<10	0
<i>Newry & Armagh</i>	47	17	<10	<10
<i>North Antrim</i>	60	21	<10	<10
<i>North Down</i>	49	19	<10	<10
<i>South Antrim</i>	63	30	12	<10
<i>South Down</i>	35	15	<10	<10

Parliamentary Constituency	More than one Year on list at point of allocation	More than 3 years at point of allocation	More than 5 years at point of allocation	More than 10 years at point of allocation
Strangford	52	27	<10	<10
Upper Bann	36	15	<10	<10
West Tyrone	27	11	<10	<10
Northern Ireland Total	1,163	501	201	39

Supporting Notes:

The waiting time bands are **cumulative rather than mutually exclusive**. Households recorded in the longer waiting categories (e.g. over 3, 5 or 10 years) are also included within the shorter waiting bands (e.g. over 1 year). Therefore, the figures should not be summed across categories, as this would result in double counting.

Transfer Applicant Information is as at end March 2026.

Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period 01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026.

Please note that where there are less than 10 allocations, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.

Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive form part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, which is published quarterly as a National Statistic by the Department for Communities. Therefore, to avoid breaches of the code of practice for

statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data (March 2026).

<i>Common Landlord Area (CLA) and corresponding Parliamentary Constituency</i>	
<i>CLA</i>	<i>Parliamentary Constituency</i>
<i>Belfast City Centre</i>	<i>Belfast North/East/South/West</i>
<i>Cregagh Castlereagh</i>	<i>Belfast East/South</i>
<i>Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road</i>	<i>Belfast East/South</i>
<i>Carryduff</i>	<i>Belfast South/Strangford</i>
<i>Ainsworth</i>	<i>Belfast West/North</i>
<i>Twaddell/Upper Woodvale</i>	<i>Belfast West/North</i>
<i>Hamill St / John St</i>	<i>Belfast West/South</i>
<i>Carrick Hill / Unity Flats</i>	<i>Belfast West/North</i>
<i>Bridge End / Rotherdam Court</i>	<i>Belfast East/South</i>