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Dear Ms Jennings

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated 13th March 2020. I would confirm that this has been processed as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I note you have requested the following information:

1) The most recent 2020 figures available (in previous years, as at 31 March) regarding

- households on the social housing waiting list in Northern Ireland
- households considered to be in housing stress (with 30 points or more) in Northern Ireland
- households with FDA status in Northern Ireland.

2) The most recent 2020 figures available (in previous years, as at 31 March) regarding **children under the age of 18**

- in households on the social housing waiting list in NI.
- in households considered to be in housing stress in NI.
- in households with FDA status in NI.

I responded to part 1 of your query on 15th April 2020 and advised that I would respond to part 2 as soon as the information could be made available. I apologise for the delay in providing this part of the response and for any inconvenience this has caused. This was due to many Housing Executive staff being taken away from their usual operations to respond to the Covid-19 emergency situation. I would now respond to part 2 of your query as follows:

2) The most recent 2020 figures available (in previous years, as at 31 March) regarding children under the age of 18

- **in households on the social housing waiting list in NI.**
- **in households considered to be in housing stress in NI.**
- **in households with FDA status in NI.**

The data you have specified has been extracted from our Housing Management System (HMS). It is based on applicant self-reported information on dates of birth of household members to be rehoused with them.

I can advise that at the **20 March 2020** there were;

- **28,002** people under the age of 18 included in households with active applications[1] on the social housing waiting list
- **18,630** people under the age of 18 included in households with active applications on the social housing waiting list with 30 or more points (housing stress threshold)
- **15,297** people under the age of 18 included in households with active applications on the social housing waiting list with FDA (Homeless) status

The above figures include applications where the under 18 person has a variety of types of relationship to the main Applicant, including, for example; son, daughter, grandchild, partner, spouse, brother, sister etc.

The above figures do ***not*** include persons under the age of 18 who have made an application in their own name, i.e. they are the main Applicant. There are a limited number of circumstances in which a person aged 16-17 is eligible to gain access to the waiting list.

Based on a separate report which was extracted from HMS on **8 April 2020** to identify these cases, there were;

- A total of **36** active applications on the waiting list where the lead applicant is aged between 16 -17
- Of those active applications, **29** applications have been awarded 30 or more points (housing stress threshold) and,

[1] **Applications, where referred to throughout this response, includes Transfer applications from Housing Executive and Housing Association tenants**

- **21** applications have been awarded FDA (Homeless) status.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you. However, if you feel that this response does not adequately meet your request 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 this, please contact us by email at FOI@nihe.gov.uk .

Following an internal review, if you find that our response continues to be dissatisfactory, you may wish to raise your complaint with the Information Commissioner;

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Yours sincerely

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