

25 March 2025

**Our Ref: FOI 695**

## **Request**

We received your request on 03 March 2025 for the following information:

*We note recent research findings published in the Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (vol. 38 issue 1, Feb 2025) entitled Nutrition Status of People Experiencing Homelessness Residing in Temporary Accommodation in London - Style - 2025 - Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics - Wiley Online Library.*

*That research found that malnutrition is prevalent among homeless people in temporary accommodation, reflected issues around poorer diet quality, mental health and high levels of food insecurity. It recommended that specific nutrition guidelines and standards be developed for this group.*

*This has prompted us to wonder about the potential nutrition impacts of their living conditions on homeless people placed by NIHE in emergency hotel accommodation. Please provide the following information, broken down by council area:*

*1/ Of the venues NIHE uses for emergency accommodation, in how many do people have regular access to cooking facilities? To refrigerators for food storage?*

*2/ Of the venues NIHE uses for emergency accommodation, how many have an on-site restaurant or other cooked food provision, where food is available to purchase?*

*3 Of the venues NIHE uses for emergency accommodation, in how many is their neither access to kitchen facilities nor access to cooked food for purchase?*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

## **Our response**

The Housing Executive does not hold any records with this information. It should be noted that the Housing Executive's use of non-standard temporary accommodation is in the context of ensuring temporary accommodation is provided as per our statutory duty outlined in the Housing (NI) Order 1988. Any placements in non-standard are in the absence of other options and for as short a duration as possible.

This concludes our response.

## **Review procedure**

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, you should send an email to: [foi@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nihe.gov.uk) or alternatively write to: Freedom of Information, Information Governance Team, Legal Services, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, The Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast, BT2 8PB.

Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of you having received this response.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. A complaint can be made to the Information Commissioner, through the online portal at: [FOI and EIR complaints | ICO](#) or alternatively by post at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact: [HSBusinessSupport@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:HSBusinessSupport@nihe.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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