



Ms Sylvia Gallagher
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23rd June 2026

Re: FOI request FOI/2026/148

Dear Ms Gallagher,

I refer to your request dated 25th May 2026 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on 26th May 2026 for records held by Fingal County Council. Your request sought:

I am requesting the following information relating to social housing within your local authority area.

1. Current approved housing need / waiting list breakdown

Please provide the current number of households approved for social housing support within your local authority area, broken down by:

- household composition (where recorded), for example:
- single adult
- couple without children
- lone parent family
- family with children
- older person household
- disability-related household (where categorised)

- bedroom need:

- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedroom
- 3 bedroom
- 4+ bedroom

- current waiting duration:

- less than 12 months
- 1–3 years
- 3–5 years
- 5–10 years
- over 10 years

2. Social housing allocations (2025)

Please provide the number of social housing allocations made during 2025, broken down by:

- general waiting list allocations
- homelessness priority allocations
- medical priority allocations
- disability/accessibility allocations
- domestic violence emergency allocations
- transfer allocations
- refugee resettlement allocations
- international protection transition allocations
- any other allocation priority categories used by the local authority

3. Allocation waiting times

For social housing allocations made during 2025, please provide:

- average waiting time before allocation
- median waiting time
- shortest waiting time
- longest waiting time

Broken down by allocation category where available.

4. Allocation policy / prioritisation rules

Please provide copies of:

- current social housing allocation scheme
- internal allocation prioritisation criteria or weighting systems
- medical priority policy
- disability/accessibility allocation policy
- homelessness priority allocation policy
- transfer policy
- domestic violence emergency allocation policy
- any internal operational guidance used in determining allocation priority

5. Refused social housing offers

Please provide the number of social housing offers refused during 2025, broken down by stated refusal reason where recorded, including:

- unsuitable location
- distance from family/support network
- medical unsuitability
- disability/accessibility concerns
- property size concerns
- safety concerns
- employment or school disruption

- other recorded reasons

6. Internal transfer list

Please provide:

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- current number of households on the internal transfer list
 - breakdown by reason where recorded, including:
 - overcrowding
 - medical need
 - disability/accessibility
 - downsizing
 - financial hardship
 - domestic violence
 - other categories

7. Vacant housing stock

Please provide:

- current number of vacant social housing units
- bedroom size breakdown
- number vacant for:
 - over 30 days
 - over 90 days
 - over 180 days
- average turnaround time between vacancy and reallocation

8. Principal applicant nationality/citizenship data

Please provide anonymised aggregate data for principal applicants allocated social housing during 2025, broken down by nationality or citizenship category where recorded.

If this information is not recorded, please confirm this.

If any part of this request is considered too broad, I would be happy to refine or narrow the scope rather than have the request refused in full.

I would prefer the information in electronic format where possible.

Kind regards,
[Your Name]

I further note that there was contact to attempt to refine the request and I directed you to information in the public domain, however you wished to proceed with the request submitted.

I have now made a final decision to part grant your request.

This letter is to explain that decision and has 2 parts;

1. an explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
2. a statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

I will reply to each of your queries in turn by the number that you assigned to them.

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions. I have detailed the exemptions in each of your queries where applicable.

1. Current approved housing need / waiting list breakdown

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- household composition (where recorded), for example:
- single adult
- couple without children
- lone parent family
- family with children
- older person household
- disability-related household (where categorised)

This request is refused; under section 15 (d) the information is already in the public domain.

The information is on page 57 of SHNA 2025. I note that I previously directed you to this document on 09/06/2026 during our communications about refinement.

<https://www.housingagency.ie/publications/summary-social-housing-assessments-ssha-2025>

- bedroom need:
- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedroom
- 3 bedroom
- 4+ bedroom

Reply

BEDROOMS REQUIRED	NO OF APPLICATIONS
1	5702
2	4950
3	2660
4	629

- current waiting duration:
- less than 12 months
- 1–3 years
- 3–5 years
- 5–10 years
- over 10 years

This request is refused; under section 15 (d) the information is already in the public domain.

Please refer to page 71 of the SHNA 2025

2. Social housing allocations (2025)

Please provide the number of social housing allocations made during 2025, broken down by:

- general waiting list allocations :695
- homelessness priority allocations :
- medical priority allocations :142
- disability/accessibility allocations
- domestic violence emergency allocations
- transfer allocations :53
- refugee resettlement allocations
- international protection transition allocations
- any other allocation priority categories used by the local authority :

Where there is no number the request is refused under;

Section 15 (1) (a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.

Allocations are not recorded under the categories that you have created.

3. Allocation waiting times

For social housing allocations made during 2025, please provide:

- average waiting time before allocation
- median waiting time : 8 Years
- shortest waiting time :1 month
- longest waiting time : 19 years

Broken down by allocation category where available

Part replied to above where time is requested.

Section 15 (1) (a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.

Waiting times are not recorded under the categories that you have created.

4. Allocation policy / prioritisation rules

Please provide copies of:

- current social housing allocation scheme
- internal allocation prioritisation criteria or weighting systems
- medical priority policy
- disability/accessibility allocation policy
- homelessness priority allocation policy
- transfer policy
- domestic violence emergency allocation policy
- any internal operational guidance used in determining allocation priority

This request is refused; under section 15 (d) the information is already in the public domain. I note that I previously directed you to this document on 09/06/2026 during our communications about refinement.

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/allocation-scheme-social-housing-support>

All of your queries in Query 4 are addressed by this document.

5. Refused social housing offers

Please provide the number of social housing offers refused during 2025, broken down by stated refusal reason where recorded, including:

- unsuitable location
- distance from family/support network
- medical unsuitability
- disability/accessibility concerns
- property size concerns
- safety concerns
- employment or school disruption

There were 172 refused offers in 2025,. The reason is individual to the applicants and not categorised in the categories that you have created.

6. Internal transfer list

Please provide:

- current number of households on the internal transfer list :3,785
- breakdown by reason where recorded, including:

- overcrowding 144
- medical need 130
- disability/accessibility
- downsizing 38
- financial hardship
- domestic violence
- other categories

Where there is no number the request is refused under;
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7. Vacant housing stock

Please provide:

- current number of vacant social housing units :

Reply: Fingal Housing Stock: 290

- bedroom size breakdown

Reply:

1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	6 bed
63	76	119	31	1

- number vacant for:

- over 30 days : 263

- over 90 days : 240

- over 180 days : 125

- average turnaround time between vacancy and reallocation : 37.75 Weeks

8. Principal applicant nationality/citizenship data

Please provide anonymised aggregate data for principal applicants allocated social housing during 2025, broken down by nationality or citizenship category where recorded.

If this information is not recorded, please confirm this.

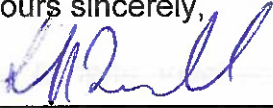
EEA Citizen	187
Irish	661
Non-EEA Citizen	109
UK	2

3. Rights of appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision, you may appeal it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, Corporate Affairs & Governance Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638 or by e-mail to FOI@fingal.ie.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Yours sincerely,



Linda McDonald
Administrative Officer