

FOI 460/2015

REQUEST

Could the authority please provide information on how the need for housing is decided and which groups are considered to have priority.

Do the council have any veterans on their housing list? If so, how many? How many veterans have been housed by the local authority in – 2015, 2014 and 2013? How many people in total are on the waiting list for housing.

RESPONSE

I write in response to your FOI request dated 8 October to respond as follows:

Those groups who have priority for housing are listed in Section 166A Housing Act 1996 (as amended). As this legislation is publically available, there is no need to repeat it in this request. The Council's policy gives additional priority to households who are current or former members of the armed forces.

As at 1st November 2015, there are 24 households on the Council's housing register who are current or former members of the armed forces. In 2013, the Council housed 2 households, in 2014, 1 household and in 2015, 2 households have been housed. As at 1st November 2015, there 1217 households on the housing register.