

The Access to Information Manager
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Email: records@nihe.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am homeless. I am seeking information regarding the NIHE response to letters presented by me and others involved with the Homeless not Voiceless campaign. The letters called for recognition of our homeless status and were presented in person by us at NIHE offices in Armagh on 20th December 2018 and in Derry on 21st December 2018. The initiative received media attention and was widely shared and supported on social media by the public and political representatives. To date we have received no response or even a formal acknowledgement from the Housing Executive.

We are homeless and our homeless status is not recognised. We hope the response to this freedom of information request can help us understand better the NIHE decision making process to enable us to meaningfully participate in decisions being made about our lives.

We wish to understand;

- why there has been no response to these letters to date;
- when such a response can be expected; and
- what the Housing Executive has done about the letters and our situation since the 20th December.

We understand that it usually takes time to respond to people but a month has now passed without sign of action so we are now using the Freedom of Information act to hopefully get some answers.

Please confirm if the NIHE hold the following information and release it to us urgently;

- 1) Any documentation confirming receipt of correspondence received from homeless not voiceless in Armagh and Derry during December 2018 including the business areas within NIHe which have had sight of the letters and are handling the response.
2. Any documentation including notes/minutes of meetings/emails/memos/call logs/agreed action points generated by the NIHE in response to our letters and the homeless not voiceless campaign since the 20th December 2018.
3. Any correspondence generated and shared with any third parties, such as the media, in response to our campaign since the 20th December 2018.
- 4) Any other material relevant to the Housing Executive's response to our campaign developed by the NIHE or any other agencies since 20th december 2018.

As required by law, please include copies of information which you hold on paper or in electronic form. I would be grateful if you would supply this information in the form of photocopies and, if possible, by email. If I can help clarify or narrow this request or if you wish to assist or advise me further please contact me by email at niallmalone@gmail.com

I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Homeless Not Voiceless Campaign

