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Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The main purpose of this request is to gather data on vacant council properties in the United Kingdom.

For clarification, this includes all forms of social housing in the ward of the council, including Housing Association. Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:

Number of vacant homes:

- The number of vacant council properties
- The number of vacant Housing Association properties

Reasons for vacancy:

- Breakdown of reasons why said social housing properties are vacant
- [E.g. awaiting repairs, legal issues, not meeting the Decent Homes Standard, etc.]

Waiting list size:

- How many residents are currently on the waiting list for social housing

Waiting list length:

- The average length of the waiting list for a council property
- The average length of the waiting list for a Housing Association property

Response:

Number of vacant homes:

- The number of vacant council properties - 47
- The number of vacant Housing Association properties - Winchester City Council don't hold this information, you will need to go to each housing association

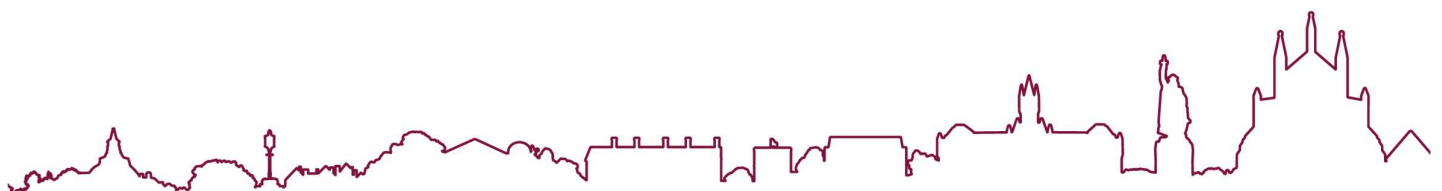
Reasons for vacancy:

- Breakdown of reasons why said social housing properties are vacant

Moved out of area 4

Fire damaged property 2

Moved to live with family 1



Deceased 5
Moved within WCC stock 4
Abandoned property 1
Damp and mould problems 3
Major adaptations 6
New build yet to be occupied 6
Reserved for Afghan families 2
Reserved for TA 1
Extra care 7
Flooded property 1
Retained for building land 1
Retro fit 1
Decanted property 2

Waiting list size:

- How many residents are currently on the waiting list for social housing

As of 15 July 2024, 1,609 households are registered on Winchester City Council's Housing Register.

- Housing Need in Winchester by assessed bedroom need:

Assessed bed need

1 Bed - 1023

2 Bed - 337

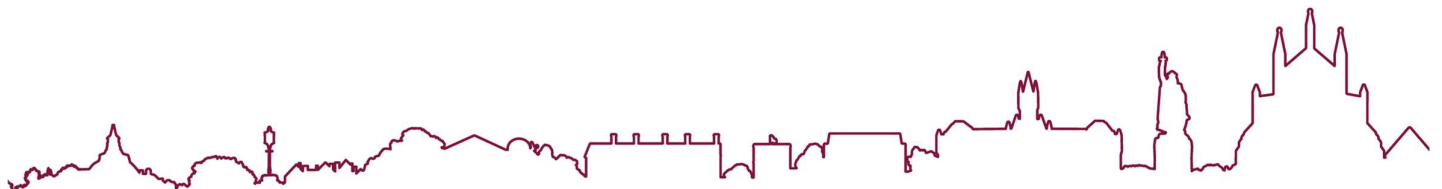
3 Bed - 179

4+ Bed - 70

Total 1609

Waiting list length:

- The average length of the waiting list for a council property – Based on lettings between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, the average waiting time for a Winchester City Council property was: 1 year 5 months



· The average length of the waiting list for a Housing Association property – Based on lettings between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, the average waiting time was: 1 year 7 months

These are the current average waiting times across all property types (Council and Housing Association) by property size and Band. The average waiting times are meant as an indication and do not mean a person will be housed within these timescales.

Band 2

1 bed – 11 months; 2 bed flat – 8 months; 2 bed house – 1 year 1 month; 3 bed – 1 year; 4+ bed - 2 years 6 months; age 55+ properties – 1 year

Band 3

1 bed – 3 years; 2 bed flat – 1 year 2 months; 2 bed house - 2 years 11 months; 3 bed - 2 years 4 months; 4+ bed - 5 years; age 55+ properties – 1 year 3 months

