

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/495/1819

**Date:** 05/02/2019

**Request:**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding housing evictions.

Section 160 of the Localism Act 2011 ended the right of secure tenancies for the children of the secure tenant upon their death. The Act states that only the spouse or civil partner can succeed secure tenancies.

This was extended by the Housing and Planning Act 2016, by applying the rule retrospectively to pre-2012 tenancy agreements.

Therefore:

**Please could you tell me how many evictions the council made in 2018 which related to Section 160 of the Localism Act 2011?**

**In other words, how many evictions were made following the death of a secure tenant because there was no right for the other occupant(s) to succeed the tenancy?**

I look forward to your response within the statutory deadline of 20 working days.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 31/01/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to housing evictions.

***Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of housing. Please contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive who should be able to help you with your request.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/495/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.