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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear E Farrell,

Thank you for your request for the following information:

Can you please explain if the Housing Executive has a duty to assess a person under Article 7 of the Housing (NI) Order 1988 if that person is not physically present in Northern Ireland?

As a example, is the duty triggered if a person from London, who has a local connection to Northern Ireland, contacts the Housing Executive and provides evidence that they are threatened with homelessness?

Can you please provide any legislation, guidance or case law that supports your position on this issue?

Your request was received on 20 December by email and I am dealing with it under the terms of the above legislation.

We will endeavour to respond to your request promptly and in any event in accordance with the requirements of the Act. The standard requirement for response is 20 working days (excluding public holidays) from receipt of the request; you should therefore receive a reply by 21 January 2022.

If for any reason we are unable to respond within this timeframe we will contact to you advise.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Scherler
Freedom of Information Coordinator
Housing Services