

## PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Date of Response: 29 October 2025

### Request

I'm writing to ask, under Freedom of Information:

1. How much does the Probation Board spend on accommodation for prisoners when they leave prison
2. Can the Probation Board give a breakdown of how much money is spent on individual placement providers
3. Can the Probation Board give the breakdown of how many nights prisoners are placed with placement providers

### Response

On 04 October PBNI sought clarification from you as to what you meant by “*placement providers*”. You confirmed on 04 October you meant “*Approved Premises such as hostels.*”

You also specified that the time frame you are requesting the information is for the years 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25.

#### Response 1

For the years 20/21 PBNI had no spend

For the years 21/22 PBNI had no spend

For the years 22/23 PBNI had no spend

For the years 23/24 PBNI had no spend

For the years 24/25 PBNI had no spend

#### Response 2

Approved Premises are not owned or managed by PBNI and PBNI do not provide funding to Approved Premises. They are managed by Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations. PBNI is responsible for supervising individuals subject to court orders and licences in the community. If an individual is assessed as presenting a high likelihood of re-offending and/or a significant risk of serious harm they may be required to reside at an Approved Premises. Approved Premises provide additional external controls to assist in the management of risk in the community. You may wish to contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive which provides funding to Approved Premises through Supporting People.

#### Response 3

Whilst PBNI do not hold information in the format you have requested, we can provide information that

shows the minimum length of stay in Approved Premises and the maximum length of stay for those who entered Approved Premises between April 2024-October 2025. There are 7 Approved Premises in Northern Ireland. These figures are correct as of Tuesday 07 October 2025.

1. Approved Premises 1  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 508 days.  
Past resident - the longest stay is 475 days and the shortest stay 1 day.
2. Approved Premises 2  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 159 days.  
Past resident - the longest stay is 393 days and the shortest stay 3 days.
3. Approved Premises 3  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 343 days.  
Past resident - the longest stay is 653 days and the shortest stay 3 days.
4. Approved Premises 4  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 188 days.  
Past resident - the longest stay is 459 days and the shortest stay 0 days.
5. Approved Premises 5  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 466 days.  
Past resident - the longest stay is 291 days and the shortest stay 1 day.
6. Approved Premises 6  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 333 days.  
Past resident - the longest stay is 448 days and the shortest stay 0 days.
7. Approved Premises 7  
Currently still residing in AP - longest stay is 189 days.  
Past resident – the longest stay is 90 days and the shortest stay 0 days.

\*0 days refers to an individual who was allocated a bed in an Approved Premises but did not stay a night there.

If you have any queries about this letter, or if you feel I have misinterpreted your request please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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