OPENING HOURS REVIEW

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1. BACKGROUND

Section 75 duties

1.1 Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires all designated public authorities carrying out functions in Northern Ireland to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity –

- between persons of different
  - religious belief;
  - political opinion;
  - racial group;
  - age;
  - marital status;
  - sexual orientation;
- between men and women generally;
- between persons with a disability and persons without; and
- between persons with dependants and persons without.

1.2 Without prejudice to these obligations, public authorities are also required to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious beliefs, political opinion or racial group.

1.3 Schedule 9 of the Act sets out the detailed procedure for the implementation of these duties including the conduct of screening exercises and Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA) of policies.

1.4 Screening and EQIA are conducted in accordance with the guidance issued by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland (ECNI); the relevant guidance currently in place includes –

- Guide to the statutory duties (April 2010)
- Practical guidance on equality impact assessment (February 2005)
- Promoting good relations – a guide for public authorities (October 2007)

- Monitoring guidance for use by public authorities (July 2007).

Review of the policy

1.5 When it was established in April 2009, Libraries NI inherited an inconsistent pattern of opening hours from the five Education and Library Boards and recognised the need to harmonise opening hours into one consistent approach that best meets the needs of customers and communities.

1.6 The significant reduction in the Libraries NI budget over the coming years which resulted from the 2010 Budget process, means that there is now a need to create substantial savings by reducing opening hours.

1.7 The policy review therefore aims to deliver the required level of savings whilst ensuring consistency of approach.

1.8 The review report, which clearly sets out the proposals and full details of the consultation process, can be found on the Libraries NI website www.librariesni.org.uk

Screening

1.9 In line with ECNI guidance, the proposals in the review report were screened to determine whether there are potentially any significant implications for equality of opportunity and good relations. Briefly, the screening process identified that the proposals may have a differential impact on people in some Section 75 groups whose access to libraries is restricted by their work and/or family commitments. These groups include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- children and young people;
- people of working age;
- older people;
- disabled people;
- people with dependants.

1.10 The screening process also identified that there may be some differential impacts on some members of staff.

1.11 It was therefore determined that an EQIA should be undertaken and be subjected to consultation in parallel with the consultation process on the review.

EQIA process

1.12 When undertaking an EQIA, Libraries NI closely follows the ECNI guidance which recommends that there should be seven steps in the EQIA process :

Step 1 :	Definition of the aims of the policy
Step 2 :	Consideration of available data and research
Step 3 :	Assessment of potential and actual impacts
Step 4 :	Consideration of measures
Step 5 :	Formal consultation
Step 6 :	Decision and publication of the results of the EQIA
Step 7 :	Monitoring for adverse impact.

1.13 This report has been written primarily to provide information to consultees during the formal consultation phase and includes the findings of the first 4 steps of the process. The action to be taken under the remaining 3 steps is also outlined in section 7 below.

2. DEFINITION OF THE AIMS OF THE POLICY

2.1 The principal aim of the policy review is to deliver savings as required by the NI Executive. The Libraries NI Board considered a range of options for making the required savings and selected reduced opening hours as one of several initiatives because the reduction can be reversed at a later date if the economic position improves.

2.2 Another aim of the review is introduce greater consistency of approach across Northern Ireland. The review report therefore proposes that libraries should be grouped into four bands and that there should be consistency in terms of the total number of opening hours within each band. Libraries have been allocated to bands mainly on the basis of the historic level of use (measured by number of visits, issues and computer sessions and the number of active members).

2.3 Consideration has also been given to the need to ensure that the opening hours of each library are sustainable, so that ad hoc closures due to staffing shortages can be avoided, other than in the most exceptional circumstances.

2.4 Although the total opening hours of each library in each band will be the same, there is some flexibility to agree individual patterns of opening hours for those libraries where hours will be reduced. Libraries NI intends to engage with local customers in January 2012 , once the principles to be applied have been adopted by the Libraries NI Board. When making a decision on the principles to be applied, the Board will take into account the findings of the EQIA and the comments made during consultation.

2.5 Although the proposed reductions in opening hours will affect all users, some people will be able to adjust their pattern of library usage and will not be significantly affected. However, those who use libraries on specific days or at specific times of day may be adversely affected, although it is anticipated that

all libraries will continue to operate with a mixture of morning, afternoon, evening and weekend hours which should reduce the level of impact.

2.6 This EQIA therefore focuses on identifying the impacts on users whose flexibility to access libraries is restricted. The EQIA also considers the impacts on staff.

3. CONSIDERATION OF AVAILABLE DATA AND RESEARCH

Available data – library users

3.1 Libraries NI maintains records of active borrowers and also measures usage of each library; however, very little information is currently available by Section 75 group. (It should be noted that Libraries NI is in the process of establishing a monitoring process as part of the development of a new Equality Scheme; however, no detailed information is available for this EQIA.)

3.2 In order to establish a Section 75 profile of the people who might be affected by the proposals, libraries have been analysed by district council area. It should be noted that the proposals have been developed by examining the historic level of usage of each library individually and not on a geographical basis. However, in the absence of information on individual libraries, a geographical analysis by Section 75 category is the best information available. There is at least one library in each district council area where it is proposed to reduce opening hours. Appendix 1 contains a list of libraries by district council area and Appendix 2 contains an analysis of the population of each district council area by Section 75 categories.

3.3 An analysis of this data (Table 1) shows that there are above average levels of certain Section 75 groups in certain councils. (The comparator figure in each case is that for Northern Ireland as a whole.)

Table 1

Community background	Above average levels of people from a Catholic community background	Armagh, Belfast, Cookstown, Craigavon, Derry, Down, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Limavady, Magherafelt, Moyle, Newry & Mourne, Omagh and Strabane
	Above average levels of people from a Protestant community background	Antrim, Ards, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Banbridge, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Coleraine, Larne, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and North Down
Racial group	Above average levels of people from a Black or Minority Ethnic background	Belfast, Castlereagh, Coleraine, Craigavon, Derry, Newtownabbey, North Down and Omagh
Age	Above average levels of children and young people under 16	Antrim, Armagh, Ballymoney, Banbridge, Cookstown, Craigavon, Derry, Down, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Limavady, Lisburn, Magherafelt, Moyle, Newry & Mourne, Omagh and Strabane
	Above average levels of older people (65+)	Ards, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Belfast, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Fermanagh, Larne, Moyle, Newtownabbey and North Down
Disability	Above average levels of people with limiting long term illness	Belfast, Cookstown, Craigavon, Derry, Dungannon, Moyle, Newry & Mourne, Omagh and Strabane
People with dependants	Above average level of households with	Antrim, Armagh, Ballymoney, Banbridge, Cookstown,

	dependent children	Craigavon, Derry, Down, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Limavady, Lisburn, Magherafelt, Newry & Mourne, Omagh and Strabane
	Above average level of people providing unpaid care	Ards, Belfast, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Craigavon, Down, Larne, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and North Down

3.4 This suggests that, in terms of participation in the impacts of the policy review, there is no particular area which is likely to suffer a higher adverse impact than another. The key issue in this EQIA is not the number of people affected but the extent to which a reduction in hours would impact on the daily lives of people in different Section 75 categories. Information on the level of these impacts will be identified mainly from comments made during the consultation on earlier EQIAs. Any additional impacts identified during the consultation period will be incorporated into the EQIA report which will be submitted to the Libraries NI Board at the decision making stage.

Available data - staff

3.5 Libraries NI maintains monitoring information on staff by community background and gender. The latest figures (1st January 2011) show that:

- the workforce is predominantly female – approximately 80%;
- in terms of community background, there is a good balance within the workforce, with approximately 45% from a Catholic community background and 50% from a Protestant community background.

3.6 Traditionally women are regarded as care givers and they tend to take the major role in looking after children and elderly/disabled relatives. There is therefore a strong possibility that some members of staff have caring responsibilities and this may affect their ability to cope with new working hours

and/or locations. However, there is no data at this stage on the number of staff with dependants; the key issues will be explored with staff and Trade Unions during the consultation period.

Available research

3.7 In 2010 and 2011, Libraries NI carried out a strategic review of library services across Northern Ireland. The EQIAs carried out as part of the strategic review and the associated consultation processes showed that:

- children and young people make extensive use of libraries, particularly after school in the late afternoon and early evening, in order to do homework;
- people who work normal office hours tend to use libraries in the evenings and at weekends;
- older people mainly prefer to use libraries during daylight hours;
- parents of young children (under school age) make extensive use of play sessions which tend to be held during morning hours;
- car ownership and use of public transport among disabled people is substantially lower than for people without a disability and they may rely on family and friends whose availability may be restricted;
- people with learning difficulties find it particularly difficult to change their routines and also need evening and weekend activities to enable them to participate more fully;
- people with caring responsibilities need to manage their time and have less flexibility in terms of when they use libraries.

3.8 There are also two reviews and consultation exercises carried out in recent years by library authorities in England which may provide learning points relevant to this impact assessment.

Cambridgeshire County Council

The rationalisation of opening hours was based on the size of the catchment population served by each library. A fixed number of opening hours was established for catchment population bands.

Evening sessions in smaller libraries were reduced as evidence consistently showed that these were not well used. The more popular Saturday opening hours were retained to provide access outside normal office hours.

The Council considered that the rationalisation had a number of benefits including creating more memorable patterns of opening hours, making it easier for customers to remember when libraries are open.

The Council also aimed to provide a spread of opening hours across libraries which are geographically close to each other, to provide customers with the opportunity to access library services for as many hours as possible.

Wandsworth Borough Council

The Council consulted extensively on proposals to reduce opening hours at various libraries. The main points made by consultees included:

- Saturday opening times reductions would have an adverse impact on those aged 25-44;
- the loss of Friday afternoon and evening would particularly affect children who needed books for weekend homework.

As part of the mitigation, the Council ensured that neighbouring libraries were not closed at the same time where possible.

4. ASSESSMENT OF ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS

4.1 This section of the report considers the aspects of the proposals in the policy review which may have an impact on various people, whether the impacts are likely to be differential in respect of people in the nine categories defined in Section 75, and whether any of the differential impacts are likely to be adverse.

4.2 The assessment is based on the issues identified in previous EQIAs and is set out under the categories in Section 75. However, these headings simply provide a framework; it is acknowledged that the effects of the proposals will be different for each individual person and will not necessarily relate to a specific Section 75 characteristic.

4.3 It should be noted that the proposals should have a positive impact for all library users in that the opening hours at each library will become sustainable so that ad hoc closures due to staffing shortages will be avoided, other than in the most exceptional circumstances.

4.4 However, Libraries NI acknowledges that people in certain Section 75 categories may suffer an adverse differential impact, although the extent of that impact will depend on each individual and cannot be defined for an entire Section 75 category.

4.5 The Section 75 groups for whom there may be an adverse differential impact include the following for the reasons set out in Table 2:

- children and young people;
- people of working age who are in work and work standard office hours;
- older people;
- disabled people;
- people with dependants.

Table 2

Category	Groups	Specific needs	Potential adverse differential impact
Community background	People with a Catholic community background	None identified	None identified
	People with a Protestant community background	None identified	None identified
Racial group	People from a Black or Minority Ethnic background	None identified	None identified
Age	Children and young people under 16	Make extensive use of libraries, particularly after school in the late afternoon and early evening	May be affected if their local library reduces afternoon and/or evening opening hours
	People of working age (16-64)	People who work normal office hours tend to use libraries in the evenings and at weekends	May be affected if their local library reduces evening and/or weekend opening hours
	Older people (65+)	Older people mainly prefer to use libraries during daylight hours	May be affected if their local library reduces morning and/or afternoon opening hours
Marital status		None identified	None identified
Sexual orientation		None identified	None identified
Gender		None identified	None identified

Category	Groups	Specific needs	Potential adverse differential impact
Disability	Disabled people	Car ownership and use of public transport among disabled people is substantially lower than for people without a disability	May be affected by any changes to opening hours
	People with learning difficulties	People with learning difficulties find it particularly difficult to change their routines and need more evening and weekend activities	May be affected by any changes to opening hours May also be affected by reduced evening and weekend closures
People with dependants	People with dependent children	Parents of young children (under school age) make extensive use of play sessions which tend to be held during morning hours	May be affected if their local library reduces morning opening hours but Libraries NI will try to ensure that such sessions are still provided
	People providing unpaid care	People with caring responsibilities need to manage their time and have less flexibility in terms of when they use libraries	May be affected by any changes to opening hours
	Staff with caring responsibilities	People with caring responsibilities need to manage their time and have less flexibility in terms of their working hours	May be affected by any changes to opening hours

4.6 At this stage Libraries NI has found no evidence to suggest that people with different community backgrounds, racial group, marital status, sexual orientation or gender may be differentially affected by the proposals. However, any impacts identified by consultees during the consultation process will be taken into account when the final EQIA report is prepared. Libraries NI would welcome information from consultees on how a change in opening hours might differentially affect people in all the Section 75 categories.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES

5.1 This section of the report looks at the possible measures which could be applied to eliminate or substantially reduce the potential adverse differential impacts identified above.

Alternative policies

5.2 Libraries NI is required by the NI Executive to deliver a certain level of savings over the coming years. The Board considered a range of options and determined that reducing opening hours was the option which would have the least impact and which could be easily reversed at a later date. Libraries NI therefore considers that there are no alternative policies which could deliver the policy aims.

Mitigating measures

5.3 The key mitigating measure identified by Libraries NI is the flexibility to determine the optimal pattern of opening hours for each library in conjunction with the library customers. It is intended that each library (even those which are to be open for only 18 hours per week) should offer some morning, afternoon, evening and weekend hours.

5.4 As an example, Broughshane Library which is currently open for 18 hours per week, has the following pattern of opening:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2.00-8.00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00

5.5 The library is therefore able to provide two morning, three afternoon and one evening session, as well as opening on Saturday. This pattern of opening may not suit all libraries in Band 4 and other options will be explored, but it illustrates that even a small number of hours may be used to good effect for users with different needs.

5.6 Libraries NI intends to engage with customers in respect of each library where hours are to be reduced. This engagement will take place in January 2012 after the Board has made a decision on the review proposals. Libraries NI will aim to provide a spread of opening hours across libraries which are geographically close to each other, as far as possible, to enable users to access library services for as many hours as possible.

5.7 In addition, Libraries NI will ensure good communication of any changes to allow library users to plan future visits. Particular attention will be paid to communicating with children and people with learning difficulties.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Libraries NI is committed to consultation which is timely, open and inclusive, and conducted in accordance with the Equality Commission's Guiding Principles. The consultation process in respect of the proposals in the review and the potential equality impacts will continue until 2nd December 2011 (a period of 12 weeks). This process includes –

- a questionnaire available in libraries in both hard copy and electronic format;
- opportunities to comment via the Libraries NI website;
- a focus group for organisations representing people in specific Section 75 categories.

6.2 All consultation documents can be made available in hard copy and alternative formats on request, although it is envisaged that most people will access the documents via the Libraries NI website, either at home or at a library.

6.3 All Equality Scheme consultees will be notified of the availability of this EQIA report and invited to comment. This report and a summary version will be made available on the Libraries NI website and comments will be invited from any individual with an interest in the proposals.

6.4 As much background information as possible has been included within this report. If there is any information which has not been provided, Libraries NI will make every effort to do so on request. If any consultee has difficulty accessing the background information, Libraries NI will consider providing summaries in other formats or explaining issues on a face to face basis.

7. FURTHER ACTION

7.1 At the end of the consultation period, the EQIA report will be revised to take account of all comments received from consultees. The EQIA report, together with a full report of the consultation process, will then be submitted to the Libraries NI Board to assist them to make final decisions on the proposals in the review. The Board's decisions will be incorporated into a final summary report which will set out the consideration given to the impact of alternative policies and mitigating actions. This will complete Step 6 of the EQIA process.

7.2 The final summary report will be made available through the Libraries NI website. Libraries NI will ensure that information is available in accessible formats in a timely fashion, paying particular attention to the special needs of particular groups within each equality category.

7.3 Libraries NI is in the process of updating its monitoring systems to provide more detailed Section 75 information on library users. As part of this process, a system will be established to monitor the impact of the Board's decisions in order to find out the effect on the relevant groups and sub-groups within the equality categories.

7.4 The results of ongoing monitoring will be reviewed on an annual basis and included in the annual review on progress to the Equality Commission. This review will be published on the Libraries NI website. This will complete Step 7 of the EQIA process.

7.5 If the monitoring and analysis of results over a 2 year period show that there has been a greater adverse impact than predicted, or if opportunities arise which would allow for greater equality of opportunity to be promoted, Libraries NI will take steps to achieve better outcomes for the relevant equality groups.

Appendix 1

LIBRARIES BY DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA

District Council area	Libraries	Opening hours to be maintained/ increased	Opening hours to be reduced
Antrim	Antrim	✓	
	Crumlin		✓
	Greystone		✓
	Randalstown		✓
Ards	Comber	✓	
	Newtownards		✓
	Portaferry		✓
Armagh	Armagh City		✓
	Keady	✓	
	Richhill		✓
	Tandragee		✓
Ballymena	Ballymena Central		✓
	Broughshane	✓	
	Kells & Connor	✓	
	Portglenone	✓	
Ballymoney	Ballymoney		✓
Banbridge	Banbridge		✓
	Dromore	✓	
	Gilford		✓
	Rathfriland		✓
Belfast	Ardoyne	✓	
	Ballyhackamore		✓
	Belfast Central		✓
	Chichester		✓
	Cregagh		✓
	Falls Road	✓	
	Finaghy		✓
	Grove		✓
	Holywood Arches		✓
	Lisburn Road		✓
	Ormeau		✓

	Shankill	✓	
	Suffolk	✓	
	Whiterock	✓	
	Woodstock		✓
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	✓	
	Greenisland		✓
	Whitehead		✓
Castlereagh	Carryduff		✓
	Dundonald	✓	
	Newtownbreda	✓	
	Tullycarnet		✓
Coleraine	Coleraine		✓
	Garvagh	✓	
	Kilrea	✓	
	Portrush		✓
	Portstewart		✓
Cookstown	Cookstown		✓
	Moneymore		✓
Craigavon	Brownlow		✓
	Lurgan		✓
	Portadown		✓
Derry	Creggan		✓
	Derry Central		✓
	Shantallow	✓	
	Strathfoyle		✓
	Waterside		✓
Down	Ballynahinch	✓	
	Castlewellan		✓
	Downpatrick		✓
	Killyleagh		✓
	Newcastle	✓	
	Saintfield		✓
Dungannon	Coalisland		✓
	Dungannon		✓
	Fivemiletown		✓
	Moy		✓
Fermanagh	Enniskillen		✓
	Irvinestown		✓
	Lisnaskea		✓

Larne	Carnlough	✓	
	Larne		✓
Limavady	Dungiven	✓	
	Limavady		✓
Lisburn	Colin Glen		✓
	Lisburn City		✓
	Moira		✓
Magherafelt	Draperstown	✓	
	Maghera		✓
	Magherafelt		✓
Moyle	Ballycastle		✓
	Cushendall	✓	
Newry and Mourne	Bessbrook		✓
	Crossmaglen		✓
	Kilkeel		✓
	Newry City	✓	
	Warrenpoint		✓
Newtownabbey	Ballyclare		✓
	Cloughfern	✓	
	Glengormley		✓
	Rathcoole		✓
North Down	Bangor Carnegie		✓
	Donaghadee		✓
	Holywood		✓
Omagh	Fintona		✓
	Omagh	✓	
Strabane	Castlederg		✓
	Newtownstewart		✓
	Strabane		✓

Appendix 2

DISTRICT COUNCIL AREAS BY SECTION 75 CATEGORIES

1. The following table sets out information on the population of each district council area in relation to most of the Section 75 categories. For the purposes of the EQIA it has been assumed that community background equates to political opinion. No information is available on sexual orientation.

2. Most of the data has been sourced from the Northern Ireland Statistics website www.nisra.gov.uk and Crown copyright material is reproduced with the permission of the Controller of HMSO. The data originates from the 2001 Census. It is acknowledged that this information may now be out of date, but it remains the single most useful source of data by Section 75 group.

3. All figures are shown as percentages (to one place of decimals); it should be noted that not all the percentages add up to 100 because of rounding.

4. It should be noted that in the table the term 'Protestant' includes people of other Christian and Christian related religious beliefs.

LGD		Antrim	Ards	Armagh	Ballymena	Ballymoney	Banbridge	Belfast	Northern Ireland
Total population	No	48366	73244	54263	58610	26894	41392	277391	1685267
Total population 16+	No	36785	57651	40661	45726	20524	31612	217130	1287211
Total households	No	17178	28689	18471	22060	9635	15188	113934	626721
Catholic	%	38.6	12.6	48.7	21.0	31.9	31.5	47.2	43.8
Protestant	%	56.7	82.5	50.0	76.3	66.2	66.0	48.6	53.1
Male	%	50.1	48.8	49.6	48.7	49.5	50.0	46.8	48.7
Female	%	49.9	51.2	50.4	51.3	50.5	50.0	53.2	51.3
White	%	99.2	99.4	99.5	99.3	99.6	99.6	98.6	99.1
Black/Minority Ethnic	%	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.4	0.9
Under 16	%	23.9	21.3	25.1	22.0	23.7	23.6	21.7	23.6
16-24	%	11.9	10.8	12.7	11.3	11.6	11.5	15.0	12.5
25-64	%	53.6	53.9	50.0	52.3	51.2	52.3	48.0	50.6
65+	%	10.6	14.0	12.2	14.4	13.5	12.6	15.3	13.3
Single	%	31.4	26.7	32.3	29.3	30.8	29.3	41.3	33.1
Married	%	50.0	52.4	52.8	52.3	52.1	53.8	37.0	48.5
Other marital status	%	18.6	20.9	14.9	18.4	17.1	16.9	21.7	18.4
People with limiting long term illness	%	17.8	19.4	19.3	17.7	19.6	18.4	24.2	20.4
Households with dependent children	%	38.9	33.7	40.5	35.1	37.9	37.2	30.4	36.5
People providing unpaid care	%	10.0	12.3	10.4	9.7	9.4	10.7	11.8	11.0

LGD		Carrickfergus	Castlereagh	Coleraine	Cookstown	Craigavon	Derry	Down	Northern Ireland
Total population	No	37659	66488	56315	32581	80671	105066	63828	1685267
Total population 16+	No	29140	52027	43732	24126	60747	76861	47963	1287211
Total households	No	14785	26887	21583	10883	30184	35947	22329	626721
Catholic	%	8.7	18.3	27.2	57.6	44.7	75.4	61.9	43.8
Protestant	%	85.1	76.9	69.4	41.1	52.9	23.2	35.5	53.1
Male	%	48.4	47.6	47.7	49.7	49.3	48.7	49.5	48.7
Female	%	51.6	52.4	52.3	50.3	50.7	51.3	50.5	51.3
White	No	99.3	98.6	99.1	99.5	99.0	99.1	99.3	99.1
Black/Minority Ethnic	No	0.7	1.4	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.9
Under 16	No	22.6	21.8	22.4	25.9	24.7	26.8	24.9	23.6
16-24	No	11.1	9.0	12.9	13.4	11.6	14.4	12.4	12.5
25-64	No	53.0	52.8	50.6	49.2	51.1	49.0	50.0	50.6
65+	No	13.3	16.4	14.1	11.5	12.6	9.8	12.7	13.3
Single	No	27.2	27.0	32.2	33.2	30.3	37.9	32.4	33.1
Married	No	50.8	53.0	48.7	52.8	50.7	44.8	50.8	48.5
Other marital status	No	22.0	20.0	19.1	14.0	19.0	17.3	16.8	18.4
People with limiting long term illness	No	18.9	19.4	18.3	22.0	21.5	21.6	19.0	20.4
Households with dependent children	No	35.9	31.9	34.6	41.7	37.9	44.0	39.8	36.5
People providing unpaid care	No	11.4	12.8	9.6	10.4	11.0	10.6	11.0	11.0

LGD		Dungannon	Fermanagh	Larne	Limavady	Lisburn	Magherafelt	Moyle	Northern Ireland
Total population	No	47735	57527	30832	32422	108694	39780	15933	1685267
Total population 16+	No	35420	43663	24109	24138	82040	29416	12157	1287211
Total households	No	16259	20454	12250	10697	39862	12956	5888	626721
Catholic	%	60.8	58.7	25.2	56.6	33.4	64.1	60.3	43.8
Protestant	%	38.2	39.8	71.7	41.6	62.8	34.8	38.3	53.1
Male	%	49.5	50.1	49.1	50.9	48.7	50.4	49.1	48.7
Female	%	50.5	49.9	50.9	49.1	51.3	49.6	50.9	51.3
White	%	99.2	99.4	99.6	99.2	99.3	99.4	99.7	99.1
BME	%	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.9
Under 16	%	25.8	24.1	21.8	25.5	24.5	26.1	23.7	23.6
16-24	%	12.7	12.1	10.2	13.4	11.9	13.1	11.4	12.5
25-64	%	49.1	50.0	53.2	51.3	51.7	49.4	50.4	50.6
65+	%	12.4	13.8	14.8	9.8	11.9	11.4	14.5	13.3
Single	%	33.7	34.7	28.7	34.2	30.4	34.9	33.6	33.1
Married	%	51.9	50.3	50.5	51.0	50.4	52.1	49.6	48.5
Other marital status	%	14.4	15.0	20.8	14.8	19.2	13.0	16.8	18.4
People with limiting long term illness	%	21.1	19.2	19.0	19.0	18.2	18.4	21.2	20.4
Households with dependent children	%	40.1	38.0	33.1	43.5	38.6	42.2	36.0	36.5
People providing unpaid care	%	10.6	9.9	11.3	9.0	11.4	9.5	10.3	11.0

LGD		Newry & Mourne	Newtownabbey	North Down	Omagh	Strabane	Northern Ireland
Total population	No	87058	79995	76323	47952	38248	1685267
Total population 16+	No	63929	62640	61170	35553	28291	1287211
Total households	No	29314	31302	30888	16123	12975	626721
Catholic	%	80.6	19.4	12.6	69.1	66.2	43.8
Protestant	%	18.5	76.2	80.5	29.7	33.3	53.1
Male	%	49.5	48.3	48.2	50.1	50.0	48.7
Female	%	50.5	51.7	51.8	49.9	50.0	51.3
White	%	99.4	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.5	99.1
BME	%	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.9
Under 16	%	26.6	21.7	19.8	25.9	26.0	23.6
16-24	%	12.9	11.7	11.0	13.4	12.5	12.5
25-64	%	48.8	52.5	52.7	49.2	49.9	50.6
65+	%	11.7	14.1	16.5	11.5	11.6	13.3
Single	%	33.8	28.7	27.0	35.8	35.2	33.1
Married	%	51.4	51.4	50.8	50.2	50.2	48.5
Other marital status	%	14.8	19.9	22.2	14.0	14.6	18.4
People with limiting long term illness	%	20.4	19.1	18.5	20.4	23.4	20.4
Households with dependent children	%	42.3	34.0	31.3	42.2	42.1	36.5
People providing unpaid care	%	10.4	11.6	12.7	10.0	10.1	11.0