

NORTHERN IRELAND

SAFER AGEING INDEX

An index to assess the level of policy, public sector and movements within the assembly, and other actions towards achieving safer ageing for all older people

Northern Ireland is the smallest of the four nations that form the United Kingdom. Located on the Island of Ireland and sharing a border with the Republic of Ireland, its capital city is Belfast, and it's second largest city is Derry/Londonderry.

Northern Ireland covers six historic counties (County Antrim, County Armagh, County Down, County Fermanagh, County Londonderry, and County Tyrone) and is divided into eleven local council areas (Antrim and Newtownabbey, Ards and North Down, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Belfast, Causeway Coast and Glens, Derry and Strabane, Fermanagh and Omagh, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Mid and East Antrim, Mid Ulster, and Newry, Mourne and Down.)

Its population in 2021 was 1,903,100 Like Wales, Northern Ireland has a designated Commissioner for Older People, a non-departmental public body, which exists to safeguard and promote the interests of older people and was commissioned with the passing of the 2011 Commissioner for Older People Act (Northern Ireland). The current commissioner is Eddie Lynch.

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More general legislation about safeguarding of vulnerable adults (and children) in Northern Ireland is provided by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007. The Order defines six categories of activity which are regulated activity with vulnerable adults. They are:

- providing health care
- providing personal care
- providing social work
- helping with general household matters
- helping with the conduct of a person's own affairs
- conveying

As noted above, the Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland has publicly called for more specific legislation to protect older people from abuse. Specifically, the Commissioner has noted that definitions currently used in Northern Ireland for adult safeguarding are unclear, and that clear definitions in law were needed for the following terms:

- 'a person who is at risk'
- 'abuse and harm'
- 'financial abuse'

In 2015, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Northern Ireland and the Department of Justice Northern Ireland published the policy document Adult Safeguarding: *Prevention and Protection in Partnership*. It was stated to be intended to assist 'organisations, their staff and volunteers who are in contact with or providing services to adults across the statutory, voluntary, community, independent and faith sectors'; however, it is a policy document and not legislation.

The document does define adults at risk of harm as 'those whose exposure to harm through abuse, exploitation or neglect may be increased by their personal characteristics or life circumstances, and who are unable to protect their own well-being, property, assets, rights or other interests; and where the action or inaction of another person or persons is causing, or is likely to cause, him/her to be harmed.'

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From a safer ageing standpoint, Northern Ireland is in a state of change. In the past year, a number of measures and new legislation have been instituted and underlaid to offer more protections to older people, specifically from a domestic and sexual violence perspective, these include,

- The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 includes the creation of a domestic abuse offence covering physical violence, non-physical abusive behaviour (including coercive and controlling behaviour) and sexually abusive behaviour. Due to come into operation in late February.
- More funding for frontline services and support organisations. This includes the 24 hours Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline; the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre; emergency accommodation and refuge provision.
- The Identification and Referral to Improve Safety programme (also known as 'IRIS') is being piloted in the Belfast and Newry and Mourne areas to train and support GPs to recognise and respond to domestic and sexual abuse.
- Introduction of Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- The launch of 'ASSIST NI', a new regional advocacy support service.
- The institution of a consultation focused around a proposed new domestic, sexual and VAWG strategy for Northern Ireland.

The prevalence of crimes and abuse/violence affecting older people in Northern Ireland.

- Hourglass received 8 domestic abuse cases on its helpline from Northern Ireland in 2021.
- Hourglass received 3 sexual abuse cases on its helpline from Northern Ireland in 2021.
- In 2020/21, the PSNI recorded 614 domestic abuse offences where the victim was aged 65 or over.
- In 2021/22, the PSNI recorded 804 domestic abuse offences where the victim was aged 65 or over.
- In 2020/21, 271 of these cases involved male victims, and 343 involved female victims
- In 2021/22, 334 of these cases involved male victims, and 470 involved female victims.
- In 2021, There were 17 domestic abuse incidents and 11 domestic abuse crimes per 1,000 population, compared with 17 domestic abuse incidents and 10 domestic abuse crimes recorded during the previous 12 months
- In 2021, 631 sexual offence crimes were recorded by the PSNI in Northern Ireland (All ages).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland



Total Population (2021) 1,903,100

Older Population (2021) Over 65s 17% - 326,500 People

> Number of older people living alone. (2021) 80,000

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s

601,115

Levels of Low Self Belief (65+)(2011)



Life Expectancy





Females 82.4 years

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia

14,728

Osteoporosis

7,366

Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments

Long Term Conditions (65+)(2011)



Mobility or dexterity difficulty 102,612

Long term pain or discomfort 73,874

> **Chronic Illness** 57,464

Political focus and commitment towards greater action and progress on safer ageing through a policy agenda

Achievement of goals - Substantial - 7



Key progress: All NI council areas have continued to position themselves as Age Friendly districts with the launch and adoption of the Age Friendly Strategy 2021-23. Policy measures to support victims of VAWG (violence against women and girls) crimes have been instituted across NI.

Point 1

Introduction of Domestic Homicide Reviews in NI

Point 2

More funding for frontline services and support organisations. This includes the 24 hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline; the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre; emergency accommodation and refuge provision.

Point 3

The Identification and Referral to Improve Safety programme (also known as 'IRIS') is being piloted in the Belfast and Newry and Mourne areas to train and support GPs to recognise and respond to domestic and sexual abuse.

Point 4

The launch of 'ASSIST NI', a new regional advocacy support service

Key challenges: This attention to an age friendly society needs to be continued with an ever-increasing number of over 65s in Northern Ireland.

Point 1

Collapse of Stormont and struggles over power sharing may mean political attention is focused elsewhere

Point 2

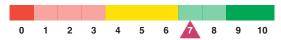
Northern Irish Protocol may also take attention away from safer ageing issues.



Political support and policy priorities - Goals Achieved – Scorecard of 1 to 10 (1) None I (1-3) Negligible I (4-6) Some I (7-8) Substantial I (9-10) Total

Legislative and consultative focus on issues affecting safer ageing and older people

Achievement of goals - Substantial - 7



Substantial Progress on a NI wide Level.

Point 1

Point 1 - Cross departmental NI wide focus on strategy to stop domestic and sexual violence and abuse – Included the launch of a call for views on the topic

Point 2

Creation of a new domestic abuse offence within the within the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021

Point 3

Launch of a consultation focused on improving the experiences of victims and witnesses in the criminal justice system.

Key challenges: Lack of localised consultations and legislation

Point 1

Recent consultations have not been focused on a council level, understanding of localised issues and good local data is urgently needed.

Point 2

N/A



Political support and policy priorities - Goals Achieved – Scorecard of 1 to 10 (1) None | (1-3) Negligible | (4-6) Some | (7-8) Substantial | (9-10) Total

Consistent media focus on older people, violence against older people, and safer ageing. Public awareness of the issues that older people face

Achievement of goals - Substantial - 7



Key progress:

Point 1

Institution of PSNI "There is no excuse domestic abuse prevention campaign" which focused on Domestic Abuse over Christmas and New Year – however older victim-survivors were not specifically mentioned or seen within campaign video.

Point 2

Continued promotion and celebration across NI on positive ageing month in October 2021.

Point 3

Launch of Digital Tool – DAART NI which offers information and support about domestic abuse and violence.

Key challenges:

Point 1

Keeping a safer ageing agenda in the public eye, when there are a number of other competing topics in the public.

Point 2

The difficulty in measuring public understanding and awareness of issues related to abuse and violence perpetrated towards older people.



Political support and policy priorities - Goals Achieved – Scorecard of 1 to 10 (1) None I (1-3) Negligible I (4-6) Some I (7-8) Substantial I (9-10) Total

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Newry, Mourne, and Down

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Newry, Mourne,

and Down

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Newry, Mourne, and Down is a council area in the South East of Northern Ireland. It covers parts of County Down and County Armagh and borders the Republic of Ireland. Predominantly rural, its main urban centres are the small city of Newry, and the town Downpatrick. Its population is 181,669 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Newry, Mourne and Down

Newry, Mourne, and Down



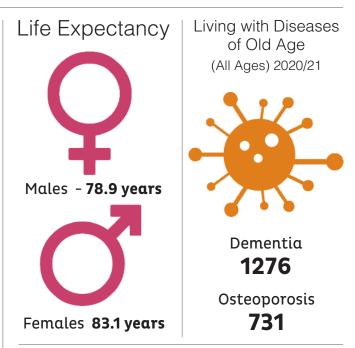
Total Population (2021) **181,669**

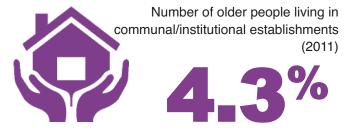
Older Population (2021) Over 65s **21.3% - 38,674 People**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **58,909**

Levels of Low Self Belief







Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **8816**

Long term pain or discomfort **6127**

Criminal Justice Factors in Newry, Mourne and Down

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

147

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

128

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

951

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

203

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

71

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

664

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

10.5%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

12.2%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

6644

Economic Deprivation

Carnmoon And Dunseverick, where

19.2%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 6 out of 890 in NI).

Causeway Coast, and Glens

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Causeway Coast,

and Glens

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Causeway Coast and Glens is a council area in the North of Northern Ireland. It covers parts of County Antrim and Derry/Londonderry and borders the Republic of Ireland. Predominantly coastal and rural, its main urban centres are the towns of Coleraine and Limavady. Its population is 144,943 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Causeway Coast and Glens

Causeway Coast and Glens



Total Population (2021) **144.943**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **24.4% - 35,338 People**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **50,408**

Levels of Low Self Belief



Life Expectancy



Females 83.1 years

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



1,049

Osteoporosis **795**



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.2%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **7613**

Long term pain or discomfort **5624**

·Chronic Illness

Criminal Justice Factors in Causeway Coast and Glens

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

178

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

128

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

82

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

88

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

156

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

530

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

10.1%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

11.3%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

5988

Economic Deprivation

Carnmoon And Dunseverick, where

15.2%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 6 out of 890 in NI).

Belfast

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Belfast

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Belfast is a council area in the centre of Northern Ireland covering the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland, and its metropolitan area. Predominately urban. Its population is 288,306 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Belfast

Belfast



Total Population (2020) 288,306

Older Population (2019) Over 60s 24.4% - 35,338 People

Predicted Older Population (2043) Ouer 60s 89,694

Levels of Low Self Belief (65+)2019/20



Life Expectancy





Females 81.1 years

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia

3,140

Osteoporosis

1539



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments

Long Term Conditions (65+)(2011)



Mobility or dexterity difficulty 21,540

Long term pain or discomfort 15,486

·Chronic Illness

11,617

Criminal Justice Factors in Belfast

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

488

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

427

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

262

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

377

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

154

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

1708

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

6.4%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

12.6%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

16,946

Economic Deprivation

Carnmoon And Dunseverick, where

12.9%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 6 out of 890 in NI).

Antrim and Newtownabbey

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Antrim and Newtonabbey

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Antrim and Newtownabbey is a council area in the centre of Northern Ireland. Covering an area to the North and East of Loch Neagh and bordering Belfast. Its main urban centres are the towns of Antrim and Newtownabbey. Its population is 143,756 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Antrim and Newtownabbey

Antrim and Newtownabbey



Total Population (2020) **143,756**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **22.4% - 32.091 People**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s
45,346

Levels of Low Self Belief







Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia
106

Osteoporosis **251**



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.7%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **7656**

Long term pain or discomfort **5460**

Chronic Illness

4568

Criminal Justice Factors in Antrim and Newtownabbey

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

200

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

69

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

79

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

135

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

39

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

552

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

9.3%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

12.6%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

5843

Economic Deprivation

Ballyclare North 2, where

11.5%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 42 out of 890 in NI)

Ards and North Down

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Ards and North Down

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Ards and North Down is a council area in the East of Northern Ireland. Covering the Ards Peninsula, the majority of Strangford Lough, the Southern shore of Belfast Lough, and borders the Irish Sea and the Eastern part of Belfast. A rural and coastal area, its main urban centres are the towns of Bangor and Newtownards. Its population is 162,056 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Ards and North Down

Ards and North Down



Total Population (2020) **162,056**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **27.7% - 44,831 people**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **59,615**

Levels of Low Self Belief









Females 82.6 years

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia
1523

Osteoporosis **705**



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.5%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **9902**

Long term pain or discomfort **7080**

Chronic Illness

5663

Criminal Justice Factors in Ards and North Down

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

146

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

99

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

67

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

113

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

34

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

459

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

9.3%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

13.9%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

7942

Economic Deprivation

Lisbane 1, where

12.6%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 20 out of 890 in NI)

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Armagh City, Banbridge

and Craigavon

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon is a council area in the South of Northern Ireland. Covering parts of County Armagh and County Down, the Southern coast of Lough Neath and bordering the republic of Ireland. The largest urban area is the City of Armagh. Its population is 217,232 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon



Total Population (2020) **217,232**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **20.8% - 44,971 people**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **70,257**

Levels of Low Self Belief



Life Expectancy



Females 82.9 years

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia 1405

Osteoporosis **863**



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.1%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **10,827**

Long term pain or discomfort **7864**

Chronic Illness

5865

Criminal Justice Factors in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

252

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

91

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

123

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

213

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

56

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

735

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

10.5%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

12.4%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

7662

Economic Deprivation

Derrynoose, where

13.8%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 11 out of 890 in NI)

Derry City and Strabane

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Derry City and Strabane

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Derry City and Strabane is a council area in the North West of Northern Ireland, covering parts of County Londonderry and County Tyrone, and bordering County Donegal in the Republic of Northern Ireland. Predominantly rural, the largest urban areas and the city of Derry/Londonderry and the market town of Strabane. Its population is 151,109 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Derry City and Strabane

Derry City and Strabane



Total Population (2020) **151,109**

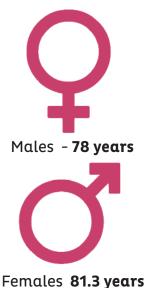
Older Population (2019) Over 60s **20.5% - 31,014 people**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **42,756**

Levels of Low Self Belief



Life Expectancy



Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia

1419

Osteoporosis

729



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.0%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty

8117

Long term pain or discomfort

5901

Chronic Illness

4275

Criminal Justice Factors in Derry City and Strabane

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

220

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

108

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

106

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

171

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

52

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

657

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

7.3%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

11.7%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

5914

Economic Deprivation

Glenderg, where

13.8%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 24 out of 890 in NI)

Fermanagh and Omagh

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Fermanagh and Omagh

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Fermanagh and Omagh is a council area in the Southwest of Northern Ireland, covering all of County Fermanagh and parts of County Tyrone, and bordering Counties Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, and Monaghan in the Republic of Ireland. Predominantly rural, it's main urban centres are the towns of Enniskillen and Omagh. Its population is 117,337 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Fermanagh and Omagh

Fermanagh and Omagh



Total Population (2020) **117,337**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **23.1% - 27.070 people**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **38,375**

Levels of Low Self Belief



Life Expectancy





Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia 1080

Osteoporosis **480**



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

5.2%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **5918**

Long term pain or discomfort **4355**

Chronic Illness **3276**

Criminal Justice Factors in Fermanagh and Omagh

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

141

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

59

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

110

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

96

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

34

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

440

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

12.1%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

10.2%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

4676

Economic Deprivation

Rosslea, where

17.0%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 4 out of 890 in NI).

Lisburn and Castlereagh

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Lisburn and Castlereagh

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Lisburn and Castlereagh is a council area in the East of Northern Ireland surrounding Belfast to the South and partly the East and West. Its main urban centre is the town of Lisburn. Its population is 146,452 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Lisburn and Castlereagh

Lisburn and Castlereagh



Total Population (2020) 146,452

Older Population (2019) Over 60s 23.1% - 33,691 people

Predicted Older Population (2043) Ouer 60s 52,320

Levels of Low Self Belief (65+)2019/20







Dementia

847

Living with Diseases of Old Age

(All Ages) 2020/21

Osteoporosis 371

Females 83.2 years



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments

Long Term Conditions (65+)(2011)



Mobility or dexterity difficulty 7440

Long term pain or discomfort

5300 **Chronic Illness**

4410

Criminal Justice Factors in Lisburn and Castlereagh

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

154

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

86

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

116

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

106

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

30

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

492

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

9.4%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

13.1%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

5762

Economic Deprivation

Dromara 1, where

 $9.0^{\%}$

of older people were income deprived (ranked 126 out of 890 in NI)

Mid and East Antrim

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Mid and East Antrim

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Mid and East Antrim is a council area in the North East of Northern Ireland. Wholly located in County Antrim and bordering the Irish Sea, its main urban areas are Ballymena, Carrickfergus, and the port of Larne. Its population is 139,443 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Mid and East Antrim

Mid and East Antrim



Total Population (2020) **139,443**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **25.2% - 35,140 people**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **46,768**

Levels of Low Self Belief









Females 82.5 years

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia
1077

Osteoporosis **430**



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.6%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **7928**

Long term pain or discomfort **5650**

Chronic Illness **4761**

Criminal Justice Factors in Mid and East Antrim

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

138

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

181

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

97

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

149

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

39

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

50

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

9.7%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

12%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

6402

Economic Deprivation

Kells 2, where

14.5%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 7 out of 890 in NI)

Mid Ulster

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Commitment and conditions for greater action on safer ageing and preventing/intervening the abuse of older people:



Country/area: NI: Mid Ulster

Assessment Year: 2021-22

(Older data used when necessary)

Mid Ulster is a council area in the centre of Northern Ireland, covering parts of County Londonderry, County Tyrone, and County Armagh, and bordering County Murnaghan in the Republic of Ireland. The main urban areas are Magherafelt and Dungannon. Its population is 148,953 (2020).

An overview of key factors affecting Safer Ageing in Mid Ulster

Mid Ulster



Total Population (2020) **148,953**

Older Population (2019) Over 60s **19.5% - 29,024 people**

Predicted Older Population (2043) Over 60s **46,667**

Levels of Low Self Belief (65+) 2019/20



Life Expectancy





Females **82.7 years**

Living with Diseases of Old Age (All Ages) 2020/21



Dementia 906

Osteoporosis

468



Number of older people living in communal/institutional establishments (2011)

4.0%

Long Term Conditions



Mobility or dexterity difficulty **6855**

Long term pain or discomfort **5027**

Chronic Illness **3708**

Criminal Justice Factors in Mid Ulster

Violence Against Person

(2019) Victim 60+

132

Non-Vehicle Theft

(2019) Victim 60+

52

Burglary

(2019) Victim 60+

63

Criminal Damage

(2019) Victim 60+

101

Other Offences

(2019) Victim 60+

34

Total

(2019) Victim 60+

382

Economically Active

(over 65) (2011)

11.7%

Unpaid Carers

(2019) Victim 60+

10.9%

Number of over 65s living alone

(2019) Victim 60+

4742

Economic Deprivation

Valley, where

12.5%

of older people were income deprived (ranked 23 out of 890 in NI)

ECONOMIC ABUSE GOALS

- Every older person has complete control over their finances and the decisions related to them. This includes willingly being able to appoint a power of attorney that will have the elder person's best interest at the forefront at all times.
- Every older person has access to safe, neutral, and balanced financial support
- The systems to protect finances, when third parties are required to have access, is so robust that it makes the risk of them being a victim of financial abuse as low as possible
- The systems to access finances are accessible for all

SEXUAL ABUSE GOALS

- An end to all non-consensual sexual acts towards older people.
- Every older person to feel in control of and only engage in consensual sexual acts.
- For everyone to be aware of sexual abuse in relation to older people and to feel confident calling out concerns/feel confident that cases will be addressed, and correct action taken by the police and in court.

PHYSICAL ABUSE GOALS

- For every older person to live a life free of physical acts of violence.
- For everyone to understand the signs of physical abuse and be able to report it if it's happening to them or someone they know and feel confident there will be repercussions Domestic abuse.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE GOALS

- Every older person feels in control of their decisions, free of manipulation.
- Every older person feels confident and mentally and emotionally happy.
- Every older person can live without fear of being abused or manipulated .
- For everyone to understand the signs of psychological abuse and be able to report it if it is happening to them or someone they know

NEGLECT & SELF-NEGLECT GOALS

- For all older people to receive the level of care and support they need to live happy and healthy lives.
- For the systems that we have in place to care for people to have correct standards in place and for everyone who works within them to feel empowered to achieve those standards.
- For all care and medical settings to have adequate staff, training, and funding to care properly for older people.



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