This is a message from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding the 2021 Census.

The Census happens only once every 10 years. The purpose of the Census is to provide the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in Northern Ireland.

It is very important you take part as your information helps build a picture of where you live that will be used to decide how vital services are planned and funded. These services include things like schools, doctors' surgeries, hospitals and libraries.

Census Day is Sunday the 21st March 2021. However, you can complete your census as soon as you receive your pack in the post. Your pack should be with you around the 1st March 2021.

This pack is important as it will explain how to complete your census online or on paper if you prefer.

In April 2021, Census staff will be calling to households that have not yet responded to the census.

The safety of your information is top priority. You will be able to read the Census Privacy Statement before completing the census questionnaire. When the statistics are published, they are anonymous meaning none of your personal information is shared.

There will be a dedicated language helpline with support available in up to 50 languages. To find out more, please visit www.census.gov.uk/ni