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1.0 Introduction

Purpose of this Document

- 1.1 The Technical Supplements that accompany the Draft Plan Strategy of the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan 2035, provide an overview of the evidence base that has been used to inform the decisions involved in its preparation. They should be read in conjunction with the relevant sections of the Plan Strategy in order to develop a full understanding of the position.
- 1.2 This Technical Supplement builds upon the work carried out in producing Position Paper 14¹, which was presented to the Council's Planning Committee in February 2017 as part of the process of developing the Preferred Options Paper. It provides an overview of the policy context and organisations responsible for delivering Health, Education, and Community Services, it also outlines the current situation regarding these services, while also indicating future proposals in the District. These proposals will assist in identifying sites that have become or are likely to become surplus up until 2035.

Planning and Public Services

- 1.3 While the Council is not directly responsible for the provision of the Health and Education Services within the District, through the LDP process it can identify and zone lands for the provision of such services, safeguarding them for future use, and by encouraging sustainable patterns of development it can help make the provision of such services viable.
- 1.4 "Public Services" includes schools, further education facilities, hospitals, health centres, GP surgeries, dentists, public libraries and community halls. These play an important role in maintaining vibrant communities, especially in rural areas.
- 1.5 The projected rise in the number of people aged 65 or over in the District Council area by the year 2030, will potentially have a significant impact on the delivery of health and community services. Meanwhile, a decline in the pupil population will have implications for the education sector, particularly the sustainability of the existing network of schools in the district.

¹ [Newry Mourne and Down LDP -Evidence Base](#)

2.0 Policy Context

Regional Planning Context

NI Executive Programme for Government- "Doing What Matters Most"²

- 2.1 The Programme for Government 2024-2027 (PfG) was published on 3 March 2025, the PfG is accompanied by a Wellbeing Framework *"to identify areas of concern and help us understand if projects and programmes are working for everyone."* The PfG sets out 4 themes under which a number of priority areas are identified, in these areas the current issues and a number of measures to address them are listed. Among the priority areas are "Deliver more Affordable, Accessible, High-Quality Early Learning and Childcare," "Cut Health Waiting Times," and "Better support for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs."

Regional Development Strategy 2035 (RDS)³

- 2.2 The RDS in line with the PfG, aims to 'promote development which improves the health and wellbeing of communities. It provides an overarching strategic planning framework to facilitate and guide the public and private sectors and ultimately shall influence Council decisions and investments.
- 2.3 The spatial framework of the RDS identifies Newry as a main hub with a significant employment centre, a strong retail offering and an acute hospital. The RDS also identifies Downpatrick as a hub to be developed as a major location providing employment, services and a range of cultural and leisure amenities and notes that decisions on the future location of new public sector development will take account of the strategic role of the main towns.
- 2.4 The RDS recognises the importance of the rural area and notes 'we must also strive to keep our rural areas sustainable and ensure that people who live there, either through choice or birth, have access to services and are offered opportunities in terms of accessing education, jobs, healthcare and leisure'.
- 2.5 Regional Guidance RG6 – Strengthening Community Cohesion, requires planning authorities to help develop integrated services and facilities "to people to meet and undertake shared activities whilst ensuring there are no barriers, perceived or physical, to access these places."

² [Programme for Government 2024-2027](#)

³ [Regional Development Strategy 2035](#)

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)⁴

- 2.6 The Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) was adopted in September 2015, it provides a framework for the replacement of the retained Planning Policy Statements by the Local Development Plans of Councils.
- 2.7 The SPPS lists “Improving Health and Well-Being” as one of its core principles, paragraph 4.6 advises that planning authorities may engage with relevant bodies and agencies to understand and take account of health issues and the needs of local communities, and where appropriate, councils may bring forward local policies that contribute to improving health and well-being as well as those which promote social cohesion and the development of social capital, the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities.
- 2.8 Paragraph 6.246 states that LDP’s should “allocate sufficient land to meet the anticipated needs of the community, in terms of health, education and other public services.”

Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland (PSRNI)⁵

- 2.9 Regional planning policies for community needs are currently set out in the Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland (PSRNI). The aim of Policy PSU1 is to allocate sufficient land to meet the anticipated needs of the community, in terms of health, education and other public facilities. It notes that changing circumstances determine the requirement of land to meet the needs of the community in terms of health, education and other public facilities, emphasis will be placed upon making the best possible use of existing sites and that should circumstances require that new sites are needed, land will be identified by individual site assessment or through the process of preparing a development plan.

Planning Policy Statements and Supplementary Planning Guidance⁶

- 2.10 The current operational planning policy for education, health and community facility development in rural areas is set out in PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside, Policy CTY1 – Development in the Countryside identifies “a necessary community facility to serve the needs of the local population” as one of the types of Non-Residential Development that will be granted permission in the countryside subject to the relevant criteria being satisfied.

⁴ [Strategic Planning Policy Statement](#)

⁵ [A Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland](#)

⁶ [Retained Planning Policy](#)

- 2.11 Supplementary guidance is contained in Development Control Advice Notes (DCANs) - DCAN 9: Residential and Nursing Homes and DCAN 13: Crèches, Day Nurseries and Pre-School Playgroups.

Local Policy Context

Existing Area Plans⁷

- 2.12 The existing development plans that apply to Newry, Mourne and Down are:
- Banbridge, Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015
 - Ards and Down Area Plan 2015

Banbridge, Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015

- 2.13 Policy ECU1 of the Banbridge, Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015 (BNMAP) states that planning permission will be granted for education, health, community and cultural uses within settlement development limits provided a number of criteria are met:
- There is no significant detrimental effect on amenity or biodiversity;
 - The proposal does not prejudice the comprehensive development of surrounding lands, particularly on zoned sites;
 - The proposals are in keeping with the size and character of the settlement and its surroundings;
 - Where necessary, additional infrastructure is provided by the developer;
 - There are satisfactory access, parking and sewage disposal arrangements.
- 2.14 The BNMAP identified a number of sites within the district which were zoned for Education: Some of these have been utilised and permissions have been implemented, however, while land at Abbey Way, Newry has been approved for development of a community treatment and care centre this has not been implemented to date. Also, a zoned site at Seaview Heights in Ballymartin has not been utilised to date.

Ards and Down Area Plan 2015

- 2.15 The Ards and Down Area Plan 2015 (ADAP) does not provide specific policies on Education but provides policy for Community Uses. Policy COY1 states that planning permission will be granted for community uses provided all the following criteria are met:
- There is no significant detrimental effect on amenity;
 - The proposal does not prejudice the comprehensive development of surrounding lands, particularly on zoned sites;

⁷ [DfI Legacy Area Plans](#)

- The proposals are in keeping with the size and character of the settlement and its surroundings;
- Where necessary, additional infrastructure is provided by the developer; and,
- There are satisfactory access, parking and sewage disposal arrangements.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Corporate Plan 2024 - 2027⁸

- 2.16 The Councils mission is to “*To deliver sustainable services and empower our communities through transparent governance and collaboration*”. The Corporate Plan incorporates the outcomes set in the Community Plan into its vision for the District and sets objectives for the Council in achieving these.

Newry, Mourne and Down Community Plan “Living Well Together”⁹

- 2.17 The Community Plan is the overarching strategic plan for integrated planning and delivery of services in Newry Mourne and Down. It provides a framework for the strategies and plans the Council will put in place to contribute towards achieving its outcomes.
- 2.18 Section 8 of the Local Government Act 2014, (as amended) requires the Council to take its Community Plan into account in LDP preparation. The LDP team has therefore formulated the Draft Policies in order to contribute towards the achievement of these outcomes.
- 2.19 The Community Plan sets 5 outcomes for the life conditions that it seeks to achieve for Newry Mourne and Down, 3 of which are relevant to Health, Education and Community Facilities;
- All People in Newry, Mourne and Down get a good start in life and fulfil their lifelong potential;
 - All people in Newry, Mourne and Down enjoy good health and well-being, and;
 - All people in Newry Mourne and Down live in respectful, safe and vibrant communities.
- 2.20 The indicators listed under the outcomes include issues such as Level of Educational Well Being, Level of Life Expectancy and Level of Civic Participation, increases in which will show progress towards the achievement of these outcomes.

⁸ [Newry Mourne and Down District Council Corporate Plan 2024-2027](#)

⁹ [Newry Mourne and Down Community Plan - Living Well Together](#)

Cross Boundary Policy Context

- 2.20 In considering the local policy context, it is important to take account of the three neighbouring councils in Northern Ireland and the two in the Republic of Ireland. The table below offers a short summary of each Council's position with regards to transportation development.

Table 1: Cross Boundary Policy Context

Neighbouring Council	Position
Ards and North Down Borough Council	Ards and North Down Borough Council published its Preferred Options Paper in March 2019 ¹⁰ . One of the issues highlighted is that the percentage of the Borough's population who are pensioners is above the NI average at 23.27% and this is forecast to increase further. It is stated that this will result in a requirement for additional residential care homes as well as the retrofitting of existing housing to make them adaptable. Reference is made to the Borough having a rate of obesity in Primary 1 pupils that is above the NI average. Two Key Issues are listed in relation to Public Health and Community Facilities, Key Issue 11 suggests 3 alternative approaches to facilitate the needs of the Borough, the preferred option is 11c which states, "Identify and safeguard lands to meet the anticipated needs of the community, in terms of health, education and other public services and facilities. Complementary policy in relation to proposals on un-zoned sites and in relation to developer contributions will also be introduced." Key Issue 12 relates to improving health and well-being, the preferred option is "Introduce policy to address a proliferation of hot food takeaway uses within centres and to prohibit hot food takeaways within 400 metres of school Boundaries"

¹⁰ [Ards and North Down LDP - Preferred Options Paper](#)

<p>Lisburn and Castlereagh City Borough Council</p>	<p>Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council published its adopted Local development Plan in September 2023.¹¹ Lisburn and Castlereagh City Councils relevant policy is: Strategic Policy 10 – Education, Health, Community and Culture which states; The Plan will support development proposals that: a) meet an identified need for services and facilities across the Council area b) cater for expansion of existing facilities to meet the anticipated needs of the community in terms of health, education, community and cultural services. The supporting text states that land identified by the relevant providers of public services for their purposes will be identified for protection from other uses in the Local Policies Plan. Similarly, if land has been identified as surplus by such providers, alternative uses will be considered in the LPP stage.</p>
<p>Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Brough Council</p>	<p>Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council published its Preferred Options Paper in March 2018.¹² Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Councils relevant preferred options are: Key Issue SOC 6 Facilitating community and cultural facilities to meet the needs of the Borough. The preferred option is "Identify and protect specific sites where a firm proposal's in place; and bring forward a criteria-based policy or development proposals to be assessed against, to facilitate new community and cultural facilities (including extensions to existing facilities)." The approach ABC has taken in relation to SOC6 is to have a broader remit that Policy PSU1 – PSRNI so as to include cultural facilities. The Plan Strategy will define what "community and cultural facilities." Operational policy will have a "town centre first" approach to such</p>

¹¹ [Lisburn and Castlereagh LDP - Adopted Plan Strategy](#)

¹² [Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon LDP - Preferred Options Paper](#)

	facilities, based on that of the SPPS, but exceptions will be permitted where set criteria can be satisfied.
Louth County Council, Republic of Ireland	Louth County Council has adopted its County Development Plan 2021- 2027. ¹³ Chapter 4 of the Written Statement is entitled "Social and Community" and is headed with the objective, "Provide and facilitate the development of healthy, sustainable, inclusive communities integrated with the timely delivery of a wide range of community, social, educational, recreational and cultural facilities where accessibility and social inclusion is provided for all, ensuring County Louth develops as a location with an enhanced quality of life for its citizens and visitors alike". The Chapter lists a number of objectives that seek to create age and family friendly strategies in all new neighbourhoods further objectives set out aims for a range of social and community infrastructure including libraries and community centres, as well as preventing the loss of existing facilities unless there are satisfactory alternatives. Further objectives seek to facilitate the development of childcare, health care and residential care facilities in settlements and to integrate them where possible, with other facilities such as schools.

¹³ [Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027](#)

Monaghan County Council	Monaghan County Council published the Interim Version of its County Development Plan 2025-2031 on 26 May 2025. ¹⁴ Chapter 5 is titled Community, Community Facilities Strategic Overview 1 states "To protect and enhance existing community and recreation facilities throughout the County and to secure the provision of additional facilities subject to demand and availability of resources in cooperation with the relevant stakeholders, the Local Community Development Committee and their associated Local Economic and Community Plan." A series of objectives relate to Community, Education Facilities, Libraries and other services, the overall aim of policy is to identify lands which are needed for facilities and to protect them from inappropriate development.
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- 2.21 Discussions have been held with the LDP Teams of all the neighbouring Councils at which the different issues encountered by them have been discussed and the rationale behind the chosen policy approaches have been set out. These have been used by the LDP Team to inform its own policy recommendations on these issues.

3.0 Preferred Options Paper

- 3.1 The Council published the Preferred Options Paper (POP) as the first stage in the preparation of the LDP on 29 May 2018.¹⁵ The POP identified 24 Key Issues, provided suggested options for addressing them and identified the Council's preferred option for each Key Issue. However, no key issues related specifically to Health, Education and Community Facilities.
- 3.2 As part of the process of preparing the POP a Preliminary Review of Operational Planning Policy was carried out which drew upon operational experience and changes in regional planning policy to identify issues to be addressed through the preparation of the LDP.

¹⁴ [Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031 \(Interim Version\)](#)

¹⁵ [Newry Mourne and Down LDP - Preferred Options Paper](#)

- 3.3 A period of public consultation was carried out over the next 12 weeks. A total of 222 responses was received from members of the public, community groups, charitable organisations, private interests and public bodies.
- 3.4 A consultation response from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive suggested that the Council should consider the introduction of a developer contribution policy to fund additional community infrastructure and that housing associations should be exempt from this policy.

4.0 District Profile

Education

- 4.1 The Department of Education (DE) has overall responsibility for education policy except for the higher and further education sector for which the Department for the Economy (DfE) retains responsibility. It's main areas of responsibility cover pre-school, primary, post-primary and special education; the youth service; the promotion of community relations within and between schools; and teacher education and salaries. Its primary statutory duty is to promote the education of the people of Northern Ireland and to ensure the effective implementation of education policy.
- 4.2 Within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, education services are provided by the Education Authority, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS), the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and some independent providers providing Irish Medium or Christian education. The definitions of school types are set out in Appendix A.
- 4.3 All figures set out below were correct as of the 2023/24 School Census Day, 6 October 2023.¹⁶ The term "Available Places" denotes the number of places available in a school that can be applied for through the competitive admissions process. As schools have approved admissions numbers, limiting the number of children they can admit in their first-year grouping, it is possible that a school with available places may have no places available in this year group. As a school's enrolment number is set taking a number of factors into account and may or may not closely reflect the physical capacity of a particular school, the available places figure cannot be used to equate to the number of 'empty desks' or 'spare capacity' in the system.¹⁷

Education Profile **Nursery School Provision**

- 4.4 Pre-school education is not statutory. The Education Authority and CCMS provide nursery places through a combination of stand-alone nursery schools

¹⁶ [DENI School Enrolments](#)

¹⁷ Extracted from DE School Level Data Tables

and nursery units in primary schools. Voluntary and private playgroups and day nurseries also provide services.

- 4.5 There are a total of 8 nursery schools in the district, 4 maintained, 3 controlled and 1 integrated maintained. In 2023/2024 they had 416 places while their actual enrolment was 424 pupils. There are also 23 nursery units that are attached to primary schools, 15 maintained, 5 controlled, 1 controlled integrated, 1 maintained integrated and 1 Irish medium. In 2023/2024 they offered a total of 1,274 places across the district and had an actual enrolment of 1,279 pupils. In addition, there are 45 voluntary/private playgroups of which 4 were Irish Medium, the Department for Education does not approve enrolments for or keep records of the numbers of pupils attending such providers.

Primary School Sector

- 4.6 There were a total of 94 primary schools in the district, consisting of 69 Maintained (one of which has an Irish Medium Unit), 14 Controlled, 5 Controlled Integrated, 3 Irish Medium Maintained and 2 Maintained Integrated Primary Schools.
- 4.7 Within the Maintained Sector the approved enrolment was 15,563 pupils with an actual figure of 13,839 and 1,724 available places, the Controlled Primary Schools had an approved figure of 3,468 pupils with 3,021 actual and 447 available places. In the Integrated Sector the approved enrolment split between controlled and maintained schools was 757/312 with actual numbers of 677/294 with available places of 80/18. Finally, the Irish Medium schools had an approved enrolment of 351 pupils with an actual figure of 323 and 28 available spaces.
- 4.8 The large rural population of the district means that there are a significant number of small, rural primary schools serving communities located in remoter areas, the smallest of which had an approved enrolment of 47 pupils in 2023/24. The main urban areas generally have at least one primary school, the largest of which had an approved enrolment of 611 pupils.

Post Primary Sector

- 4.9 There are currently 25 post primary schools in the district¹⁸. This consists of 6 Controlled schools (5 secondary, 1 grammar), 17 Maintained schools (7 voluntary grammar and 10 secondary) and 2 Grant Maintained Integrated schools. One maintained secondary school has an Irish medium unit.
- 4.10 The enrolment in the Controlled schools for 2023/24 was 3,162 approved/3,202 actual, with 566 available places, the Maintained schools had

¹⁸ De la Salle and St Mary's High Schools and St Patrick's Grammar School in Downpatrick amalgamated in September 2024 to form Lecale Trinity Grammar School

13,230 approved enrolments with an actual enrolment of 13,887 and 604 available places. The two integrated schools had an approved enrolment of 1,020 pupils with an actual enrolment of 957 resulting in 152 available places.

- 4.11 Post-primary schools are located within the main settlements, the largest of these generally have more than one such school from each sector. The actual enrolments of the district's post-primary schools range from 208 to 1,759.

Independent Schools

- 4.12 A total of three independent schools were operating in the district as of the Census Day, details of which are listed in Appendix A

Special Schools

- 4.13 A total of three special schools were operating in the District on the Census Day, details are listed in Appendix A

Further Education

- 4.14 The District is served by both the Southern and South-Eastern Regional Colleges. Southern Regional College operates four campus sites in Newry, the East and West Campuses in Patrick Street, the Model in Catherine Street and the Greenbank Campus.
- 4.15 South-Eastern Regional College operates a campus in both Downpatrick and Newcastle.

Future Provision¹⁹

- 4.16 The following projects that may require additional works have been approved by the Department for Education or Department for the Economy;

Table 2: Approved education proposals

School/College	Proposal
Drumlins Integrated Primary School, Ballynahinch	Establishment of Nursery Unit which will likely require a new modular unit (Approved 19/1/22)
Gaelscoil na mBeann, Kilkeel	Establishment of Nursery Unit which may require an additional building (Approved 8/2/23)
Southern Regional College, Newry	Closure of "The Model Campus," consolidation on existing East and West Campuses in Newry

¹⁹ [DENI - Development Proposals](#)

Health and Social Care Profile

Organisations Responsible for Health Care

- 4.17 The Department of Health (DoH) has overall responsibility for health policy and funding of major capital works. Provision of community health and social care in the district is the responsibility of both the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT)²⁰ which covers the Newry and Mourne area and the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT)²¹ which covers the Down area.

Primary Healthcare Services in the District

- 4.18 The district's only Acute Hospital is Daisy Hill in Newry, which provides a 24-hour Emergency Department, a Maternity Department, Special Care Baby Unit, Inpatient beds in Medicine, Stroke, Rehabilitation, Surgery, Gynaecology, ENT and Paediatrics. There is a Coronary Care Unit, Surgical High Dependency Unit and a Day Procedure Unit and Radiography Department. There is also an adult Sub-regional Haemodialysis Unit with an area wide service containing 28 Renal Stations. The Hospital also provides a wide range of diagnostic and therapy services with radiology, cardiology investigations and 24hr laboratory service, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Speech and Language Therapy, Dietetics and Orthoptics all being provided. A range of Mental Health Services and a GP out of hours service are also provided on site. The Downe Hospital in Downpatrick is a local hospital, which provides a type 2 Emergency Department operating from 8am – 8pm (Mon-Fri, Closed Weekends), with a Minor Injuries Unit operating from 9am-5pm Saturday and Sunday and the GP Out of Hours Service operates on site. There is also a midwifery led Maternity Unit. The hospital has 49 inpatient beds for a range of medical conditions. The Downe provides the Trust wide Bowel Screening Service and Sexual Health Service, as well as a range of out-patient, diagnostics and day care services, such as cataract surgery. There are also 2 GP surgeries along with community and dental services.
- 4.19 Health Centres providing a range of local health services are located in Crossmaglen, Newry and Warrenpoint. The Southern Health and Social Care Trust is planning to develop a new Community Treatment and Care Centre at the former Abbey Playing Fields in Newry that would consolidate existing services in the city on a single site.

²⁰ [SHSCT](#)

²¹ [SEHSCT](#)

Ambulance Services

- 4.20 The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service operates from stations in Newry, Downpatrick, Kilkeel, Ballynahinch and Newcastle. The district is also served by Air Ambulance NI.

GP and Dental Surgeries

- 4.21 According to the HSC Service Finder Website²² GP services are provided from 31 different locations in the district, some of these locations house more than one practice. On the same website a total of 39 Dental Practices are listed. Details of these surgeries are included in Appendix B.

Care of the Elderly / Vulnerable

- 4.22 There are a number of facilities available for care for the elderly and other vulnerable groups such as those with learning difficulties. The majority of these facilities are privately run. While they are independent of the health trusts they are registered with, and inspected by, the RQIA. As of September 2024, the RQIA's website²³ listed a total of 41 Nursing and Residential Homes in the District, these consist of 23 Nursing Homes and 18 Residential Care Homes. Details of these are included in Appendix B.

Children's Services

- 4.23 As of 30 September 2023, there were a total of 220 children in care for 12 months or longer within the district. Residential Children's homes are provided by the two Health and Social Care Trusts or under contract from private providers.

Community and Cultural Profile

Police

- 4.24 The Police Service of Northern Ireland has a District Command Unit that is responsible for the entirety of the district.²⁴ It is based at Ardmore PSNI Station in Newry, other stations are located in Downpatrick, Newcastle and Newtownhamilton. Crossmaglen Police Station is scheduled to be closed.

²² [HSC Service Finder](#)

²³ [RQIA](#)

²⁴ [PSNI - Newry Mourne and Down](#)

Fire and Rescue²⁵

- 4.25 The District lies within the Southern Area Command of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service; there are two District HQ's responsible for 8 fire stations within the boundaries of the District;
- Downpatrick District responsible for Ballynahinch, Downpatrick, Kilkeel and Newcastle Stations;²⁶
 - Newry District responsible for Crossmaglen, Newtownhamilton, Newry and Warrenpoint Stations;²⁷
- 4.26 Marine search and rescue is provided through HM Coastguard and the RNLI, there are operational coastguard and lifeboat stations in the District at Kilkeel and Newcastle.
- 4.27 A number of voluntary organisations provide additional and specialist emergency services, most notably Mourne Mountain Rescue.

Libraries

- 4.28 Public library services are provided by the Northern Ireland Libraries Authority, commonly known as Libraries NI. There are currently 10 in operation in the District, these are listed below;²⁸
- Ballynahinch
 - Bessbrook
 - Castlewellan
 - Crossmaglen
 - Downpatrick
 - Kilkeel
 - Newcastle
 - Newry
 - Saintfield
 - Warrenpoint
- 4.29 The Authority also operates Mobile Library services from Downpatrick and Newry which serve the surrounding settlements.

²⁵ [NIFRS](#)

²⁶ District also responsible for Carryduff Fire Station in Lisburn and Castlereagh District

²⁷ District also responsible for Rathfriland Fire Station in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon District

²⁸ [Libraries NI](#)

Leisure and Recreation Facilities

- 4.30 The Council operates 6 indoor leisure centres;²⁹
- Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre
 - Down Leisure Centre
 - Kilkeel Leisure Centre
 - Newcastle Centre
 - Newry Leisure Centre
 - St Colman's Sports Complex
- 4.31 There are a number of outdoor forest and country parks operated either by the Council alone or in partnership with the Forest Service. Most notably Castlewellan Forest Park, Delamont Country Park, Kilbroney Forest Park, Slieve Gullion Forest Park and Tollymore Forest Park.
- 4.32 The Headquarters of National Trust Northern Ireland is situated at Rowallane Garden in Saintfield, as well as this site, the Trust also operates Derrymore House in Bessbrook, Murlough Nature Reserve and has lands in the Mourne Mountains which are accessible to the public and provide opportunities for recreation.

Community Centres

- 4.33 There are a total of 26 Community Centres in the District listed in Appendix C³⁰, 6 of these are owned and managed by the Council, 2 are leased to third parties and the remainder are operated under Facilities Management Agreements with local community groups.

Cultural Facilities

- 4.34 The Council currently operates 6 Museums and Arts Centres, the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy 2022-27³¹ includes proposals for the redevelopment of Newry Town Hall and The Sean Hollywood Arts Centre which aims to provide an improved concert venue for Newry. These proposals are currently at an advanced stage.
- 4.35 A number of community groups and charitable organisations also provide entertainments, festivals or operate museums that are open to the public. The most notable of these include the annual Lislea Drama Festival and Downpatrick Railway Museum.

²⁹ [Newry Mourne and Down - Leisure and Sport](#)

³⁰ [Newry Mourne and Down - Community Centres](#)

³¹ [Newry Mourne and Down - Arts Culture and Heritage Strategy](#)

5.0 Consultee and Councillor Engagement

- 5.1 The development of the Draft Plan Strategy has facilitated the input of elected members, Development Management and Enforcement Staff, representatives of other Council Departments, as well from DfI and other statutory agencies to try and ensure that the draft policies meet both the definitions of sustainable development and soundness that are set out in the SPPS.
- 5.2 All of the Draft Policies have been subjected to a Sustainability Appraisal with Shared Environmental Services, comments received during this appraisal were used to improve the wording of the policies ahead of their publication.
- 5.3 A draft of Policy CF1 – Community Facilities was presented to the Council’s Planning Committee on October 19th, 2022, the Committee endorsed the Policy.

6.0 Draft Plan Strategy Policy Approach

- 6.1 The Draft Plan Strategy seeks to provide Health, Community and Education Facilities through a number of its policies. The primary policy is CF1 – Community Facilities, this replaces BNMAP Policy ECU1 and ADAP Policy COY1, both of which related to proposals within settlements, and the “Necessary Community Facilities Clause” of Policy CTY1 – Development in the Countryside of PPS21. The single policy is intended to allow for a consistent approach for the determination of planning applications for Community and Cultural Facilities as well as for certain types of residential accommodation, (Classes C3 and D1 of the Use Classes Order 2015). The policy will also safeguard lands identified to provide a facility that is required to meet the needs of a public body unless that body deems the lands to be surplus or there is other community benefit.
- 6.2 Policy HOU8 – Specialist Residential Accommodation will provide a policy framework for the determination of applications for a range of residential accommodation types. It is considered that a policy of this nature is desirable given the projected rise in the elderly population of the district over the plan period, which will result in increased demand for such facilities.
- 6.3 Finally Strategic Policy SP3 – Developer Contributions and Planning Agreements, will provide a mechanism for the delivery of community facilities to support new residential developments, through the provisions of Section 76 of the Planning Act, where this is considered necessary.
- 6.4 The Independent Examination process will allow for modifications to be made to the draft policies to take account of any issues raised through the public consultation process. The subsequent Local Policies Plan will identify any lands required by public bodies for education, health care facilities etc. to

ensure that they are safeguarded from inappropriate developments for as long as it is deemed there is a need for the facility in question.

7.0 Soundness

- 7.1 Section 10 of the Planning Act 2011 requires that all LDP documents are subjected to an Independent Examination in order to determine that they are sound. Development Plan Practice Note 6: Soundness (Version 2, 2017) sets out a framework for the testing of Development Plan Documents to ensure their soundness, the tests are grouped under three headings, Procedural, Consistency, Coherence and Effectiveness. Having been subjected to the tests set out in the Advice Note, the Council contends that Policies CF1 – Community Facilities, HOU8 – Specialist Residential Accommodation and SP3 – Developer Contributions and Planning Agreements are sound for the following reasons;

Table 3: Soundness

Procedural Tests	
P2	The POP has been published and any relevant comments received have been taken into consideration
P3	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 have been subjected to sustainability appraisal. Details of which are in the Sustainability Appraisal Report
Consistency Tests	
C1	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 have taken account of relevant provisions of the Regional Development Strategy – 2035, as set out in paragraphs 2.2-2.5 of this Technical Supplement.
C2	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 have taken account of the Council's Community Plan, it provides a framework for the determination of planning applications to provide facilities for education, health care and community services across the district, which will help to achieve the identified outcomes, and protect land designated for such facilities from inappropriate development, as per paragraphs 2.13-2.16 of this Technical Supplement.
C3	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 have taken account of the provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement as it relates to the provision of Health, Education and Community Facilities, as per paragraphs 2.6-2.8 of this Technical Supplement.
C4	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 have taken regard of the existing Local Development Plans in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and has incorporated their relevant provisions, and to any relevant provisions of published LDP documents of neighbouring Councils, as per paragraphs 2.17-2.21 of this Technical Supplement.

Coherence and Effectiveness Tests	
CE1	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 have taken account of the published LDP of a neighbouring Council, there is no conflict between the Policies and the equivalent provisions of this LDP, as per paragraphs 2.17 – 2.21 of this Technical Supplement.
CE2	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 has been formulated on a sound evidence base, drawing on the baseline information set out in LDP Preparation Paper 14, which has been updated as required during the preparation of this Technical Supplement.
CE3	Annual monitoring is not considered necessary as the providers of public services will make their requirements for new facilities known to the Council either through the preparation of the Local Policies Plan, or where necessary the Development Management Process.
CE4	Policies CF1, HOU8 and SP3 will be reviewed during the statutory review of the Plan Strategy and any changes necessary will be made through this process.

8.0 Evolution of Policies

Existing Policy	Regional Planning Policy	POP Preferred Option	Comments received to POP	Draft Plan Strategy Policy
Policy PSU1 PSRNI; Policy requires that land needed for community facilities be identified in an LDP and protected from inappropriate development.	RDS Newry and Downpatrick identified as hubs and decisions on the main location for public services will take this into account. People who live in rural areas must have access to public services. RG6 – Strengthening Community Cohesion - Need to ensure that people can access services without barriers, either perceived or physical.	KY10 Identify and evaluate current open space provision in the district. Protect existing and any subsequent additional land required for open space, sport and recreation."	NIHE – Suggested a policy to require developer contributions to fund additional community infrastructure and that housing associations should be exempt.	Policy SP3 – Developer Contributions and Planning Agreements. Provides a mechanism for developers to fund service such as community facilities.
Policy CTY1 – PPS21 "Necessary Community Facilities Clause" allows for community facilities in rural areas where a defined need exists.	SPPS Core principle of "Improving Health and Well-Being. Para 6.246 - Sufficient land to meet community			Policy CF1 – Community Facilities. The policy consolidates the 4 existing operational policies, it applies to all proposals whether they are in settlements or in rural areas. It also seeks to protect existing community facilities, or land zoned in the LDP for such purposes unless it is demonstrated that they are no longer needed. Policy HOU8 – Specialist

	needs should be zoned in LDP's			Residential Accommodation. Provides policy for assessing proposals for residential accommodation which is considered necessary in view of anticipated increase in demand due to an ageing population.
Policy ECU1 - BNMAP allows for health, education, community and cultural uses within SDL's subject to criteria.				
Policy COY1 - ADAP allows for proposals for community uses within SDL's subject to criteria.				
Supplementary Planning Guidance DCAN's 9 Residential and Nursing Homes and 13 Creches, Day Nurseries and Pre-School Playgroups				New Supplementary Planning Guidance

9.0 Appendices

Appendix A – School Enrolments

Advisory Notes

(All data correct as of School census day 6 October 2023, source [Department for Education](#))

Advisory Notes

Number of available places calculation: Reflects the total number of places available in all schools from an admissions perspective. It is calculated by subtracting the actual enrolment (less supernumerary pupils) from the approved enrolment for each school. If a school is operating at over-capacity, then the number of available places is taken to be zero

- The available places figure does not take account schools which are oversubscribed by way of a temporary variation granted by the Department of Education.

Approved Enrolment - the number set annually by the Department which schools must not exceed without prior approval from the Department by way of a Temporary Variation. Supernumerary admissions lie outside the competitive admissions process and are therefore not subject to approved enrolment limits. Approved enrolment numbers are not set for preparatory departments, as open enrolment legislation does not apply to preparatory departments of grammar schools.

Actual enrolments - counts all pupils enrolled in the school on Census Day, including admissions classified as supernumerary and admissions resulting from an approved temporary variation i.e. The Friday of the first full week in October (In 2023/24 this was the 6 October 2023)

- Supernumerary admissions – can take one of three different forms:
 - Pupils can be admitted to a school based on the content of a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names a particular school that must then admit the child;
 - Pupils can be admitted to a school (post-primary only) following a successful appeal to an independent Exceptional Circumstances Body (ECB) which rules on parental appeals citing exceptional circumstances that require the admission of a child to a particular school. This appeal route can only be used following an unsuccessful application to that school through the competitive (open enrolment) admissions processes;
 - Pupils can be admitted to a school following a successful appeal to an independent Admissions Appeal Tribunal, where a parent asserts that a school has failed to correctly apply its admissions criteria as part of the competitive (open enrolment) admissions processes.

(*Pupils admitted to a school based on the content of a Statement of Special Educational Needs are classified as supernumerary admissions for the entire duration of their time at school whereas pupils admitted as a result of a successful admissions appeal or a direction of the ECB are classified as supernumerary admissions during the year of admission only. All these pupils can be admitted above a school's approved enrolment number without the requirement for a Temporary Variation).

Available Places – denotes the number of places available in a school that can be applied for through the competitive admissions process. As schools have approved admissions numbers, limiting the number of children they can admit in their first-year grouping, it is possible that a school with available places may have no places available in this year group.

As a school's enrolment number is set taking a number of factors into account and may or may not closely reflect the physical capacity of a particular school, the available places figure cannot be used to equate to the number of 'empty desks' or 'spare capacity' in the system.

Nursery Schools and Playgroups

The Department for Education does not hold enrolment data for private or voluntary play group.

Name		Type	Admissions	Actual
Annalong PS	Settlement	Controlled Unit	26	27
Lower Mourne Preschool	Annalong	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Ardglass Preschool	Ardglass	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Attical Playgroup	Attical	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Rascal's and Ruffians	Ballyholland	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Ballynahinch PS	Ballynahinch	Controlled Unit	26	26
Magheradroll PS	Ballynahinch	Maintained Unit	52	52
Rockmount PS	Ballynahinch	Private Provider	N/A	
Safe and Sound Playgroup	Ballynahinch	Private Provider	N/A	
Little Explorers Nursery	Belleek	Private Provider	N/A	
Bessbrook Primary School	Bessbrook	Controlled Unit	26	27
Giggles Day Care	Bessbrook	Private Provider	N/A	
Kidzone PG	Bessbrook	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
St Joseph's PS	Bessbrook	Maintained Unit	52	52
St Peter's NS	Bessbrook	Maintained Unit	26	27
Busy Bees Playgroup	Burren	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Carrick Pre-School	Burren	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
St Malachy's PS	Camlough	Maintained Unit	52	53

Castlewellan Community Playgroup	Castlewellan	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Naiscoil Bheanna Boirche	Castlewellan	Irish Medium Unit	26	26
St Malachy's PS	Castlewellan	Maintained Unit	26	28
Apple Blossom Preschool	Crossgar	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Cedar Integrated PS	Crossgar	Integrated Maintained Unit	26	26
St Patrick's PS	Crossmaglen	Maintained Unit	52	50
Little Explorers Nursery	Culloville	Private Provider	N/A	
St Patrick's PS	Cullyhanna	Maintained Unit	26	24
Convent of Mercy Nursery School	Downpatrick	Maintained School	52	52
Downpatrick Nursery School	Downpatrick	Controlled School	26	27
Little Ones Day Nursery	Downpatrick	Private Provider	N/A	
Naiscoil Dhun Padraig	Downpatrick	Irish Medium Playgroup	N/A	
Rathkeltair Cross Community Preschool	Downpatrick	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
St Colmcille's Nursery School	Downpatrick	Maintained School	52	52
Drumaness Cross Community PS	Drumaness	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Kids Kabin Playgroup	Drumaroad	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	

Home from Home Playgroup	Dundrum	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Forkhill Playgroup	Forkhill	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Clonduff Playgroup	Hilltown	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Glenn and Barr Play Group	Jerrettspass	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
St Malachy's PS	Kilcoo	Maintained Unit	26	26
Dunnaman Pre-School	Kilkeel	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Kilkeel Nursery School	Kilkeel	Controlled School	78	81
Kilkeel Playgroup	Kilkeel	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Kingdom Playgroup	Kilkeel	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Naiscoil Sliabh gCuilin	Killeavy	Irish Medium Playgroup	N/A	
Killeen Playschool	Killeen	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Killough Playgroup	Killough	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Killyleagh Integrated PS	Killyleagh	Controlled Integrated Unit	26	21
Leitrim Community Playgroup	Leitrim	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Loughinisland Cross Community Play Group	Loughinisland	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Jolly Tots Play Group	Mayobridge	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
St Patrick's PS	Mayobridge	Maintained Unit	26	27
Meigh Community Pre-School	Meigh	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
St Mary's PS	Mullaghbawn	Maintained Unit	26	28

Newcastle Preschool	Newcastle	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Newcastle PS	Newcastle	Controlled Unit	52	43
St Mary's PS	Newcastle	Maintained Unit	52	55
Ashgrove Nursery School	Newry	Controlled School	52	53
Naiscoil an Iuir	Newry	Irish Medium Play Group	N/A	
St Claire's Abbey PS	Newry	Maintained Unit	52	52
St Joseph's Convent PS	Newry	Maintained Unit	52	56
St Malachy's Nursery School	Newry	Maintained School	52	55
St Moninna's PS	Newry	Maintained Unit	52	52
St Patrick's PS	Newry	Maintained Unit	52	52
Windmill Playgroup	Newry	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Little People Pre School Centre	Newtownhamilton	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Little Folk Play Group	Rostrevor	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Academy Nursery School	Saintfield	Controlled Unit	52	51
Little Sunbeams Playgroup	Saintfield	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Saul Community Preschool	Saul	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Strawberry Tree Playgroup	Saval	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Happy Faces Day Care Nursery	Silverbridge	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	

Naiscoil an Chreagain	Silverbridge	Irish Medium Play Group	N/A	
Play Links Playgroup	Strangford	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Teconnaught Cross Community Play Group	Teconnaught	Voluntary Play Group	N/A	
Seaview Nursery School	Warrenpoint	Maintained School	78	78

Primary School Enrolments

School Name	Settlement	Type	Approved enrolments	Actual enrolments	Supernumerary pupils	Available places
Annalong Primary School,	Annalong	Controlled PS	185	176	8	25
Annsborough Integrated Primary School	Annsbrough	Controlled Integrated PS	85	32	*	5
St Mary's Primary School	Ardglass	Maintained PS	81	87	*	17
St Nicholas' Primary School	Ardglass	Maintained PS	269	164	22	!
Holy Cross Primary School	Attical	Maintained PS	116	113	6	52
Ballyholland Primary School	Ballyholland	Maintained PS	244	199	7	6
St Malachy's Primary School	Ballymoyer	Maintained PS	112	69	6	57
Ballynahinch Primary School	Ballynahinch	Controlled PS	210	209	5	32
Drumlins Integrated Primary School	Ballynahinch	Controlled Integrated PS	203	210	7	31
St Patrick's Primary School, Ballynahinch	Ballynahinch	Maintained PS	332	208	11	11
St Matthew's Primary School, Magheramayo	Ballyward	Maintained PS	87	89	5	44
St Patrick's Primary School, Drumgreenagh	Barnmeen	Maintained PS	84	83	*	6
St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, Belleek	Belleek	Maintained PS	81	74	*	!
Bessbrook Primary School	Bessbrook	Controlled PS	145	94	6	43
St Joseph's Primary School, Bessbrook	Bessbrook	Maintained PS	362	321	48	!
St Peter's Primary School, Cloughreagh	Bessbrook	Maintained PS	313	336	20	30
St Paul's Primary School, Cabra	Cabra	Maintained PS	77	95	6	!
St Malachy's Primary School, Camlough	Camlough	Maintained PS	254	267	13	41
Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche	Castlewellan	Irish Medium Maintained PS	135	131	7	!
St Malachy's Primary School, Castlewellan	Castlewellan	Maintained PS	350	360	37	4
St Mary's Primary School, Aughlinafin	Castlewellan	Maintained PS	169	88	*	0
St Patrick's Primary School, Castlewellan	Castlewellan	Maintained PS (With IM unit)	95	37	*	!

Cumran Primary School	Clough	Controlled PS	203	200	27	!
Cortamlet Primary School	Cortamlet	Controlled PS	111	74	*	!
Cedar Integrated Primary School	Crossgar	Maintained Integrated PS	196	203	13	9
Glasswater Primary School	Crossgar	Controlled PS	97	77	*	17
St Joseph's Primary School, Crossgar	Crossgar	Maintained PS	163	130	8	91
St Patrick's Primary School, Crossmaglen	Crossmaglen	Maintained PS	476	443	16	24
Clonalig Primary School	Cullaville	Maintained PS	203	171	11	99
St Patrick's Primary School, Cullyhanna	Cullyhanna	Maintained PS	198	203	6	!
St Mary's Primary School, Dechomet	Dechomet	Maintained PS	95	85	*	31
Derryboy Primary School	Derryboye	Controlled PS	95	75	*	31
St Oliver's Primary School, Carrickrovaddy	Dorsey	Maintained PS	54	52	*	36
Downpatrick Primary School	Downpatrick	Controlled PS	200	206	47	!
Our Lady & St Patrick Primary School	Downpatrick	Controlled PS	460	392	48	116
Sacred Heart Primary School	Downpatrick	Maintained PS	136	122	6	20
St Brigid's Primary School, Downpatrick	Downpatrick	Maintained PS	266	264	25	9
St Colmcille's Primary School	Downpatrick	Maintained PS	338	368	115	27
St Macartan's Primary School, Downpatrick	Downpatrick	Maintained PS	203	171	6	!
Christ the King Primary School	Drumaness	Maintained PS	197	70	*	22
St Francis' Primary School, Drumaroad	Drumaroad	Maintained PS	73	92	5	1
St Brigid's Primary School, Drumilly	Drumilly	Maintained PS	97	124	*	!
Dromintee Primary School	Drumintee	Maintained PS	174	160	*	20
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Forkhill	Forkhill	Maintained PS	145	142	9	211
St Brigid's Primary School, Glassdrummond	Glassdrummond	Maintained PS	198	189	13	0
St Patrick's Primary School, Ballymaghery	Hilltown	Maintained PS	309	313	17	85

Jonesborough Primary School	Jonesborough	Maintained PS	174	89	6	18
St Malachy's Primary School, Kilclief	Kilclief	Maintained PS	69	36	*	200
St Malachy's Primary School, Kilcoo	Kilcoo	Maintained PS	165	156	*	0
Brackenagh West Primary School	Kilkeel	Controlled PS	170	150	12	34
Gaelscoil na mBeann	Kilkeel	Irish Medium Maintained PS	87	94	*	89
Grange Primary School	Kilkeel	Maintained PS	145	107	*	14
Kilkeel Primary School	Kilkeel	Controlled PS	611	546	34	41
St Colman's Primary School, Kilkeel	Kilkeel	Maintained PS	420	229	20	!
St Columban's Primary School, Kilkeel	Kilkeel	Maintained PS	203	217	32	0
St Michael's Primary School, Killeen	Killeen	Maintained PS	131	129	5	!
St Joseph's Primary School, Killough	Killough	Maintained PS	112	59	*	!
Killyleagh Integrated Primary School	Killyleagh	Controlled Integrated PS	126	103	8	!
St Mary's Primary School, Killyleagh	Killyleagh	Maintained PS	210	76	8	38
St Patrick's Primary School, Legamaddy	Legamaddy	Maintained PS	202	164	14	49
St Michael's Primary School, Finnis	Loughinisland	Maintained PS	106	73	*	0
St Mary's Primary School, Barr	Lurganare	Maintained PS	145	153	6	181
St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacaville	Maghera	Maintained PS	194	195	15	27
St Patrick's Primary School, Mayobridge	Mayobridge	Maintained PS	342	322	11	!
St Joseph's Primary School, Meigh	Meigh	Maintained PS	195	206	6	!
St Mary's Primary School, Mullaghbawn	Mullaghbawn	Maintained PS	313	279	24	!
Mullaglass Primary School	Mullaghglass	Maintained Integrated PS	116	91	6	!
All Children's Integrated Primary School	Newcastle	Controlled Integrated PS	203	210	12	0
Newcastle Primary School	Newcastle	Controlled PS	198	174	12	!

St Mary's Primary School, Newcastle	Newcastle	Maintained PS	319	326	32	142
Bunscoil an Iuir	Newry	Irish Medium Maintained PS	129	98	0	58
St Clare's Abbey Primary School, Newry	Newry	Maintained PS	436	451	35	25
St Joseph's Convent Primary School, Newry	Newry	Maintained PS	407	433	60	3
St Malachy's Primary School, Carnagat	Newry	Maintained PS	420	263	24	!
St Moninna's Primary School, Cloughoge	Newry	Maintained PS	406	410	19	7
St Patrick's Primary School, Newry	Newry	Maintained PS	420	405	20	!
St Ronan's Primary School, Newry	Newry	Maintained PS	391	419	41	15
Windsor Hill Primary School, Newry	Newry	Controlled PS	243	195	15	127
Newtownhamilton Primary School	Newtownhamilton	Controlled PS	134	56	*	12
St Michael's Primary School, Newtownhamilton	Newtownhamilton	Maintained PS	101	71	*	!
Kilbroney Integrated Primary School	Rostrevor	Controlled Integrated PS	140	122	6	13
Killowen Primary School	Rostrevor	Maintained PS	116	32	*	135
St Bronagh's Primary School, Rostrevor	Rostrevor	Maintained PS	203	213	11	!
Academy Primary School	Saintfield	Controlled PS	406	397	16	49
St Caolan's Primary School, Saintfield	Saintfield	Maintained PS	90	91	*	1
St Patrick's Primary School, Saul	Saul	Maintained PS	180	184	10	!
St Colman's Primary School, Saval	Saval	Maintained PS	174	216	13	52
St Joseph's Primary School, Strangford	Strangford	Maintained PS	91	87	*	31
Holy Family Primary School	Teconnaught	Maintained PS	195	186	8	35
Spa Primary School	The Spa	Maintained PS	200	200	9	6
St Teresa's Primary School, Tullyherron	Tullyherron	Maintained PS	47	61	6	0

St Joseph's Primary School, Tyrella	Tyrella	Maintained PS	115	52	*	0
Carrick Primary School	Warrenpoint	Maintained PS	406	381	19	13
Dromore Road Primary School	Warrenpoint	Maintained PS	76	87	15	0
St Dallan's Primary School, Warrenpoint	Warrenpoint	Maintained PS	630	475	45	63
Totals			19788	17537		2731

Primary School Enrolments

Post-Primary School Enrolments School name	Settlement	Management	Approved enrolments	Actual enrolments	Supernumerary pupils	Available Places
Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch	Ballynahinch	Voluntary Grammar Girls	890	938	19	0
St Colman's High & Sixth Form College Ballynahinch	Ballynahinch	Maintained Secondary	550	581	43	0
The High School Ballynahinch	Ballynahinch	Controlled Secondary	380	403	94	200
St Paul's High School, Bessbrook	Bessbrook	Maintained Secondary	1355	1759	175	366
St Malachy's High School, Castlewellan	Castlewellan	Maintained Secondary with IM Unit	950	1018	116	0
St Colmcille's High School	Crossgar	Maintained Secondary	450	360	37	61
St Joseph's High School, Crossmaglen	Crossmaglen	Maintained Secondary	600	794	44	152
Blackwater Integrated College, Downpatrick	Downpatrick	Maintained Integrated School	400	275	75	0
De La Salle High School #	Downpatrick	Maintained Secondary	1025	774	115	0
Down High School	Downpatrick	Controlled Grammar	934	965	18	!
St Mary's High School, Downpatrick#	Downpatrick	Maintained Secondary Girls	600	455	20	0
St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick#	Downpatrick	Voluntary Grammar	665	776	54	4
Kilkeel High School	Kilkeel	Controlled Secondary	753	729	37	0
St Louis Grammar, Kilkeel	Kilkeel	Voluntary Grammar	770	715	47	12
Shimna College, Newcastle	Newcastle	Maintained Integrated School	620	682	66	127
Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar, Newry	Newry	Voluntary Grammar Boys	850	906	30	120
Newry High School	Newry	Controlled Secondary	580	462	34	0
Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry	Newry	Voluntary Grammar Girls	860	954	7	102
Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry	Newry	Voluntary Grammar Girls	875	879	*	48
St Colman's College – Newry	Newry	Voluntary Grammar Boys	860	916	20	0
St Joseph's Boys' High School, Newry	Newry	Maintained Secondary Boys	500	436	56	165
St Mary's High School, Newry	Newry	Maintained Secondary Girls	580	583	29	26
Newtownhamilton High School	Newtownhamilton	Controlled Secondary	175	208	15	0

Saintfield High School	Saintfield	Controlled Secondary	340	435	46	0
St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint	Warrenpoint	Maintained Secondary	850	1043	90	71
Totals			17412	18046		1454

Amalgamated September 2024 to form Lecale Trinity Grammar School

Appendix B: Health and Social Care GP Practices

Practice	Location
Old Forge Surgery	Annalong
The Health Centre	Ardglass
Montalto Medical Centre	Ballynahinch
Ballyward Surgery	Ballyward
Bessbrook Surgery	Bessbrook
Donard Family Practice	Castlewellan
The Health Centre	Crossmaglen
Rathkeeland House Surgery	Crossmaglen
Down Health Care	Downpatrick
Stream Street Surgery	Downpatrick
The Green Surgery	Downpatrick
Struell Surgery	Downpatrick
Dundrum and Clough Surgery	Dundrum
Kilkeel Medical Practice	Kilkeel
Mourne Family Surgery	Kilkeel
Killyleagh Surgery	Killyleagh
Meigh Surgery	Meigh
Maphoner Surgery	Mullaghbawn
Donard Family Practice	Newcastle
Causeway Surgery	Newcastle
Clanrye Surgery	Newry
Cornmarket Surgery	Newry
McVerry, McGee, Farnon Practice	Newry
Meadowlands Surgery	Newry
Newtownhamilton Surgery	Newtownhamilton
Newtownhamilton Health Centre	Newtownhamilton
Rostrevor Surgery	Rostrevor
Saintfield Health Centre	Saintfield
Struell Surgery	Strangford
Marina Surgery	Warrenpoint
Summerhill Surgery	Warrenpoint
The Health Centre	Warrenpoint

(Source: HSC Service Finder)
Dental Surgeries

PRACTICE	ADDRESS	Settlement
LAWSON DENTAL	11 MAIN STREET	BALLYNAHINCH
MONTALTO DENTAL CARE	22 MAIN STREET	BALLYNAHINCH
McCARTAN'S DENTAL	17 CHURCH ROAD	BESSBROOK
CAMLOUGH DENTAL PRACTICE	27 MAIN STREET	CAMLOUGH
CASTLEWELLAN DENTAL PRACTICE	1 CASTLE AVENUE	CASTLEWELLAN
CROSSGAR DENTAL PRACTICE	48 KILLYLEAGH STREET	CROSSGAR
THE VILLAGE DENTAL PRACTICE	33 DOWNPATRICK STREET	CROSSGAR
McCONVILLE AND McLORNAN DENTAL	20C NORTH STREET	CROSSMAGLEN
MULLAN-GALLAGHER DENTAL	35 ST PATRICKS AVENUE	DOWNPATRICK
15 DENTAL	15 IRISH STREET	DOWNPATRICK
DOWNE DENTAL CARE LTD	10 ENGLISH STREET	DOWNPATRICK
BELMONT ORTHODONTICS	17 STREAM STREET	DOWNPATRICK
BOHILL-CURRAN DENTAL	24A ST PATRICK'S AVENUE	DOWNPATRICK
HARBOUR DENTAL PRACTICE	4 HARBOUR ROAD	KILKEEL
HAUGH DENTAL CARE	5 NEWCASTLE STREET	KILKEEL
NEWRY STREET DENTAL	29 NEWRY STREET	KILKEEL
HUGHES AND O'BOYLE SURGERY	12 DOWNS ROAD	NEWCASTLE
NEWCASTLE FAMILY DENTAL PRACTICE	RAILWAY STREET	NEWCASTLE
TEGGART DENTAL	47 MAIN STREET	NEWCASTLE
WINDSOR HILL ORTHODONTIC CLINIC	5 WINDSOR HILL	NEWRY
NEWRY DENTAL CENTRE	4 WINDSOR HILL	NEWRY
O'FARRELL AND STAUNTON	32/34 UPPER MILL STREET	NEWRY
CATHEDRAL QUARTER DENTAL	7 MARCUS SQUARE	NEWRY
NC DENTAL CARE	39 MARY STREET	NEWRY
HUGHES AND O'BOYLE	14 TREVOR HILL	NEWRY
O'HAGAN AND MURRAY	10 TREVOR HILL	NEWRY
BALLYBOT DENTAL SURGERY	25 PATRICK STREET	NEWRY
DENTAMED DENTAL CARE	6 MONAGHAN COURT	NEWRY
ZEN ORTHODONTICS	2 DOWNSHIRE CLOSE	NEWRY
SOUTH DOWN CLINIC	22 MERCHANTS QUAY	NEWRY
YEW TREE DENTAL PRACTICE	45-47 PATRICK STREET	NEWRY
NEWRY DENTURE CENTRE	100 HILL STREET	NEWRY
APPLETREE DENTAL CARE	1 THE OLD GASWORK	NEWRY
ENLIGHTEN DENTAL CARE	UNIT 3 CLOUGHOGUE BUSINESS PARK	NEWRY
CLOGHOGUE DENTAL PRACTICE	51C FORKHILL ROAD	NEWTOWNCLOGHOGUE
SAINTFIELD DENTAL CARE	16-18 MAIN STREET	SAINTFIELD
STRANGFORD DENTAL SURGERY	STRANGFORD	STRANGFORD

DUKE STREET DENTAL SURGERY	3 DUKE STREET	WARRENPOINT
THE GENTLE DENTAL AND IMPLANT CLINIC	14 CHURCH STREET	WARRENPOINT
McLARNON JAMES DENTAL PRACTICE	42B CHURCH STREET	WARRENPOINT

(Source: HSC Service Finder)

Residential Homes

Name	Settlement	Rooms
King's Castle Nursing Home	Ardglass	42
Spa Nursing Home	Ballynahinch	36
Redburn Clinic	Ballynahinch	27
Fishbourne House	Ballynahinch	22
Avila	Bessbrook	49
Greenvale House	Castlewellan	36
Corriewood Private Clinic	Castlewellan	79
Wood Lodge	Castlewellan	49
Glencarron	Crossmaglen	44
Strangford Court Care Home	Downpatrick	36
Lecale Lodge Care Home	Downpatrick	41
Brooklands Healthcare	Kilkeel	48
Ringdufferin Nursing Home	Killyleagh	64
Slieve Dhu	Newcastle	47
Rockfield Care Home	Newry	35
Our Mother of Mercy	Newry	48
Ashgrove Care Home	Newry	46
Cairnhill	Newry	22
Ardmaine Care Home	Newry	70
Cairn Grove Home	Newry	23
Kilbroney House	Rostrevor	19
Silverbirch Lodge	Saintfield	33
Carlingford Lodge	Warrenpoint	58
St Joseph's	Warrenpoint	46
Total		1020

Appendix C: Community Centres Community Centres

Name	Settlement	Status
16 The Square	Rostrevor	Facilities Management Agreement
Annalong Community Centre	Annalong	Facilities Management Agreement
Ballykinlar Community Centre	Ballykinlar	Facilities Management Agreement

Ballynahinch Community Centre	Ballynahinch	Council Managed
Ballynahinch Market House	Ballynahinch	Leased Community Building
Barcroft Community Centry	Newry	Facilities Management Agreement
Barnmeen Community Centre	Barnmeen	Facilities Management Agreement
Bessbrook Community Centre	Bessbrook	Council Managed
Bridge Community Centre	Killyleagh	Council Managed
Cabra Community Centre	Cabra	Facilities Management Agreement
Castlewellan Community Centre	Castlewellan	Leased Community Building
Cloughreagh Community Centre	Cloughreagh	Council Managed
Crossmaglen Community Centre	Crossmaglen	Council Managed
Cullyhanna Community Centre	Cullyhanna	Facilities Management Agreement
Dan Rice Hall	Drumaness	Council Managed
Derrybeg Community Centre	Newry	Facilities Management Agreement
Dorsey Community Centre	Dorsey	Facilities Management Agreement
Drumalane and Quayside Close Community Centre	Newry	Facilities Management Agreement
Forkhill Community Centre	Forkhill	Facilities Management Agreement
Hilltown Community Centre	Hilltown	Facilities Management Agreement
Kitty's Road Community Centre	Kilkeel	Facilities Management Agreement
Meadow/Armagh Road Community Centre	Newry	Facilities Management Agreement
Meigh Community Centre	Meigh	Facilities Management Agreement
Newtownhamilton Community Centre	Newtownhamilton	Facilities Management Agreement
Saintfield Community Centre	Saintfield	Facilities Management Agreement
Three Ways Community Centre	Newry	Facilities Management Agreement

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