

**September 2023**

## Discretionary Housing Payment Data

- The total number of households currently in receipt of Discretionary Housing Payments and (i) the total number of households who have been notified that their DHP has stopped due to budget pressures broken down per Council area.**

At 31st of July 2023 there were a total of 10,525 claimants in receipt of Discretionary Housing Payment.

A total of 3,321 cases were ended however and a breakdown of these cases by Council Area is set out below.

I can advise that at 31st of July 2023 we have made 18,844 awards in the financial year beginning 1st of April 2023.

### **DHP Cancelled Cases by District Council Area - August 2023**

<b>Local Council</b>	<b>DHP Cancelled Cases</b>
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	276
Ards and North Down Borough Council	173
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council	358
Belfast City Council	491
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	337
Derry City and Strabane District Council	489
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	256
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	120
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	306
Mid Ulster District Council	213
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	302

<b>Total Cancelled Cases</b>	<b>3,321</b>
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2. **Please detail (i) the total number of households in receipt of DHP and (ii) the amount allocated for DHP provision, for each of the last five years.**

In terms of historical awards of Discretionary Housing Payments for the previous 5 years please see the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of claims paid</b>	<b>Discretionary Housing Payment Fund</b>	<b>Discretionary Housing Payment Spend</b>
2018/19	13,262	£7.29m	£3.83m
2019/20	17,981	£5.369m	£4.68m
2020/21	18,025	£6.1m	£4.2m
2021/22	20,541	£6.1m	£4.2m
2022/23	21,980	£6.49m	£6.4m