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Expenditure stats for the provision of temporary and emergency accommodation.

Total expenditure for the provision of temporary and emergency accommodation for each of the last five years, broken down per spend for each council area.

The table below provides the detailed expenditure on all forms of Temporary Accommodation (Single Lets, Hotels, B&Bs and Specialised Accommodation) from 2018/19 to 2022/23 per Local Council area, where it has been possible to identify this. It should be noted that the costs refer to the Local Council from which the applicant presented (originating Council area) rather than the Local Council area to which the placement was made.

Table 1: Summary of total Temporary Accommodation Costs

Council Area	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£	£	£	£	£
Antrim & Newtownabbey	76,785	75,497	197,788	90,059	383,437
Ards & North Down	512,957	406,591	421,938	442,796	816,761
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	303,377	326,212	388,189	360,535	611,028
Belfast	1,566,728	1,620,165	2,850,535	2,472,092	3,693,826
Causeway Coast & Glens	71,047	83,481	165,833	37,354	211,172
Derry & Strabane	929,965	1,963,061	2,289,443	2,271,460	5,815,335
Fermanagh & Omagh	235,602	385,245	368,654	298,107	481,527
Lisburn & Castlereagh	486,131	577,897	529,912	583,760	718,141
Mid & East Antrim	29,338	262,205	223,987	119,836	210,196
Mid Ulster	237,224	261,331	594,191	261,980	458,732
Newry, Mourne & Down	394,713	388,618	591,672	616,169	749,004
Central	0	0	4,140,920	9,949,338	8,896,381
Undefined	953,680	1,122,476	1,628,028	1,615,644	664,231
Grand Total	5,797,545	7,472,779	14,391,090	19,119,131	23,709,772

A category of 'Central' is included - this relates to the provision of emergency block booked temporary accommodation that was acquired as part of the Housing Executive's pandemic response and utilised by applicants from several Local Council areas. It is not possible to readily provide this split across various Local Council areas.

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A further category of 'Undefined' is included - this relates to placements in Queens Quarter Housing, along with other costs where information relating to Council Area are not captured at source on NIHE systems. Again, it is not possible to readily provide this split across various Local Council areas.

In 2022/23 Queens Quarter Housing costs were reclassified as Capital Expenditure under IRFS 16 resulting in a reduction in the expenditure classed as 'undefined.'

It should be noted that this table refers to funding delivered via Housing Services and does not reflect funding delivered via the Supporting People Programme.