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Neighbourhood Renewal Survey 2012







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Introduction and methodology

Background to the survey

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) is the regional strategic housing authority for Northern Ireland. Part of its remit is to 'conduct or promote research into any matter relating to any of its functions'¹. Research for the NIHE is carried out by the Research Unit and this work assists the NIHE in informing policy and improving services.

One of the Research Unit's key ongoing areas of research is its rolling programme of neighbourhood renewal surveys, carried out annually in a number of NIHE estates. Normally, all residents are invited to participate in the research; their views are a key source of information for local district offices and community organisations trying to address the complex web of problems which characterise many of these estates.

In June 2003, the government launched "People and Place – A strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal". The strategy seeks to target those communities throughout Northern Ireland that are experiencing the highest levels of deprivation. It is also about bringing together the work of all government departments, in partnership with local people, to tackle disadvantage and deprivation in all aspects of everyday life. The total population affected by deprivation throughout Northern Ireland is approximately 280,000 (one person in six)².

The Neighbourhood Renewal strategy falls within the remit of the Department for Social Development (DSD). In light of the NIHE's broad experience in undertaking research in Neighbourhood Renewal areas, the DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Team and staff from the NIHE's Research Unit met in November 2006 to discuss the DSD's objectives with regard to Neighbourhood Renewal areas and to see if there was sufficient overlap to allow the NIHE to undertake Neighbourhood Renewal Area surveys on the DSD's behalf. Following NIHE Board approval for its research programme in March 2007 – which included DSD-requested NRA research — representatives from the Research Unit met formally with the DSD and NISRA on 8 May 2007 to develop a way forward? The DSD confirmed the following in relation to its 36 NRAs:

- the need to monitor change over time at NI level; that is, closing the gap between the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas and the NI average;
- ii) the need to identify local level issues for people living in the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas;
- iii) that there was a considerable overlap between the questionnaires used by the NIHE in its Neighbourhood Renewal Surveys and the issues the DSD wanted to explore;
- iv) that the DSD would like a small number of additional questions/amendments which, in the event, were acceptable to NIHE;

that the top 10% of deprived neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland have been identified using the New Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure. Following extensive consultation, this resulted in a total of 36

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¹ Housing (NI) Order 1981, Article 6

² DSD website Urban Regeneration > Neighbourhood Renewal

areas being targeted for action. The areas include 15 in Belfast, six in the North West and 15 in other towns and cities across Northern Ireland.

DSD and **NIHE** in partnership

Given the Housing Executive's experience in conducting similar household surveys in deprived areas, the DSD's Neighbourhood Renewal team formally requested NIHE's assistance in undertaking surveys in Northern Ireland's 36 NRAs. In consultation with the DSD and on the basis of its priorities, four NRAs were selected for study in 2010:

Greater Shankill Coalisland Outer West Belfast Brownlow

Four new NRSs have been selected for 2011/12 to be carried out by the NIHE's Research Unit:

Lurgan Ballymena Limavady Omagh

Conduct of the survey

The project management, design, quality assurance, analysis and report writing were the responsibility of the Research Unit. Fieldwork commenced in November 2011 and concluded in December 2011. Data collection and data entry for this survey were carried out by Research Unit. The Housing Executive's Research Unit quality assured the questionnaire and final report.

Survey objectives

The objectives of the Neighbourhood Renewal Surveys are:

- to examine the housing history, tenure, aspects of the home and satisfaction with current dwelling;
- to ascertain intention to buy or transfer from the current dwelling;
- to investigate perceptions about the image of the area and personal safety;
- to gather opinions on the impact of crime and the extent of anti-social behaviour;
- to ascertain respondents' views on education;
- to determine the extent of local participation in and the impact of local Neighbourhood Renewal Initiatives;
- to investigate the socio-economic characteristics of the household.

Presentation of findings

The findings from the survey are presented in the following sections:

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Key findings

Socio-economic profile

- 28% of HRPs were working (NI 50%³), 24% were retired (NI 27%),
 15% were permanently sick/disabled (NI 7%);
 16% were not working (NI 11%), 6% were looking after family/home (NI 4%).
- A considerable proportion of HRPs were in receipt of benefits: Housing Benefit (31%), a Disability Benefit (24%) and Retirement Pension (24%).
- The ethnic origin of the vast majority (90%) of HRPs was white (NI level 99%⁴). Almost one-tenth (9%) of respondents did not state the ethnicity of their HRP.
- There was a mix of household types; the main two being small family (20%) and lone adult (18%). At NI level the predominant household types were lone older and two adult (each 15%).
- The average household size was 2.35 (Northern Ireland average 2.49).
- 17% of household members were aged under 16 (a lesser proportion than at the NI level – 21%⁵).
- A further 18% were aged over 60 (NI level 20%).
- Median annual gross household income lies between £5,000 and £9,999.
- Two-fifths (40%) of households surveyed had a gross income of less than £10,000 (13% had less than £5,000 and 27% had £5,000-<£10,000).
- More than two-fifths (45%) of respondents said they or someone in their household had a disability that affected their normal day-to-day activities, NI level – 18%⁶.
- 75% of respondents said their household religion was Catholic.

Characteristics of the home

- The survey indicated a fairly high level of tenure mix; however, in terms of length of tenure there was a high level of residential stability.
- Respondents were generally satisfied with their homes, although there were also important issues to be addressed in terms of energy costs.
- 44% of respondents lived in owner-occupied accommodation, 33% lived in social housing (NIHE and housing associations) and 21% rented privately.
- 72% of respondents had lived in the Lurgan NRA for more than 15 years.
- 76% said they lived in houses; the remainder lived in flats (15%) and bungalows (9%).
- The most prevalent home security measures were window locks (52% of respondents' homes), door chains (28%) and security lights (26%).
- The vast majority (96%) of respondents had at least one smoke alarm in their dwelling.

⁴ Continuous Household Survey 20010/11

³ NI House Condition Survey 2009

⁵ NISRA – Population and Migration Estimates (2010)

⁶ NI Survey of Activity Limitation and Disability 2007

- Almost three-fifths (56%) of households represented in the survey had one or more vehicles; 43% of respondents said their household had no vehicles.
- Almost all respondents (92%) had full central heating in their home. The main heating source for homes represented in the survey was oil fired with radiators (77%). Oil was the predominant home heating source at NI level (68%⁷).
- Respondents reported high levels of satisfaction with various aspects of their heating system, including 78% satisfied with the ease of using the system and 77% satisfied with the type of heating system. However, only 29% were satisfied with the cost of running the system.
- 39% of respondents said they had been unable to adequately heat their home. The cost of domestic fuel (60; 78%), low household income (44; 58%) and money needed for other priorities (43; 56%) were factors contributing to respondents' inability to adequately heat their home.
- Almost half (49%) of respondents had heard of the Warm Homes Scheme.
- Most respondents (79%) said their home was about the right size; 14% said it was too small and 5% said it was too big.
- More than three-quarters (77%) of respondents were satisfied with their home overall.
- A very small proportion (5%) of respondents in social housing said they intended to buy their home during the following two years.

Lurgan NRA

- The survey indicated moderate levels of satisfaction with the area and a perception that the area had not really changed, although there were a number of anti-social behaviour issues to be addressed.
- Two-thirds (66%) of respondents agreed that they really felt part of the community living in the area.
- 55% disagreed that they felt embarrassed to bring people to the area.
- More than three-fifths (61%) agreed that they were proud to come from the area.
- Almost half (49%) thought the area was not really changing, 21% thought it was changing for the better and 29% thought it was changing for the worse.
- 34% of people in Lurgan NRA perceived the level of antisocial behaviour (ASB) in their local area to be high. The equivalent figure for Northern Ireland was lower at 13%⁸.
- The main ASB problems identified by respondents in the area were 'teenagers hanging around on streets' (52%), 'rubbish or litter' (50%) and 'people being drunk or rowdy in public places' (46%). The most prevalent perceived problems at Northern Ireland level were 'people being drunk or rowdy in public places' (32%) and 'teenagers hanging around on streets' (26%)⁹.

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⁷ NI House Condition Survey 2009

 $^{^{\}rm 8}$ NICS 2009/10: Perceptions of Crime Research and Statistical Bulletin 3/2011

⁹ NICS 2008/09: Perceptions of Crime Research and Statistical Bulletin 1/2010

• The vast majority (92%) of respondents said they felt safe walking alone in the area during the day and 77% said they felt safe in their own home at night. However, more than half (51%) said they did not feel safe walking alone in the area after dark.

Neighbourhood renewal

- The survey indicated fairly low levels of awareness of neighbourhood renewal and community involvement.
- More than four-fifths (83%) of respondents were not aware that their home was within the Lurgan NRA.
- Less than one-fifth (18%) of respondents said they were aware of physical changes that had improved the neighbourhood within the previous 12 months. Respondents were most aware of the gate/rail/planting scheme and new build/renovation in the area.
- More than one-quarter (28%) of respondents said their area had a community/residents' association; 20% said their area did not have one and the remaining 52% did not know.
- More than half (56%) of all respondents said they would not consider joining a local community/residents' association, compared to 15% who said they would. 28% did not know if they would join.
- More than four-fifths (88%) were not aware of the Housing Executive's neighbourhood warden service.
- The most common issue that respondents said needed to be addressed was to 'reduce ASB such as drugs abuse, alcohol abuse, vandalism' and 'youths loitering' (43%).

Education

- More than four-fifths (84%) of respondents agreed that 'staying on in school is important if you want to get a good job' (NI level 85% 10).
- A similar proportion (82%) agreed that 'children in Northern Ireland get a good education' (NI level 89%).
- More than three-fifths (67%) of respondents agreed that they had enjoyed their time at school (NI level 68%).
- 24% of respondents had one or more children of school age (4-18 years).
- Of these respondents, all (48; 100%) agreed their child's school was a good school and most (46; 96%) agreed their child's school was also well led and well managed.
- 88% (42) of respondents with children of school age agreed that making sure their child attends school regularly and on time is important.
- All respondents with children of school age (48; 100%) said helping their child with homework is important.
- Three-fifths (29; 60%) of respondents said they would consider taking their child out of school during term time.
- All respondents with children of school age said they feel involved personally in their child's school life (90% very involved; 10% fairly involved).

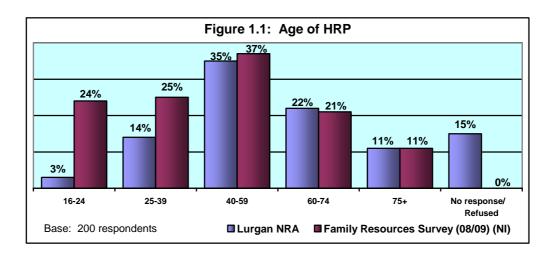
¹⁰ NISRA – NI Omnibus Survey 2010 – Education module

1.0 Socio-economic profile

This chapter details the socio-economic characteristics of households within the Lurgan NRA.

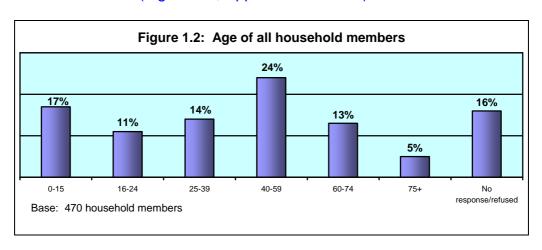
1.1 Age of Household Reference Person

More than one-third (35%) of HRPs were aged between 40 and 59: 22% were aged between 60 and 74 and 14% were between 25 and 39; 11% were aged 75 or older and 3% were between 16 and 24. Data from the 2008/09 Family Resources Survey are included in Figure 1.1 below for reference Appendix Table 1.1-1.2).



1.2 Age of all household members

In total, 470 individuals were identified as resident in the 200 households surveyed. Almost one-quarter (24%) of household members were aged 40 and 59, 17% were aged 15 and less, 14% were aged between 25 and 39, 13% were between 60 and 74 and 5% were 75 or over. (Figure 1.2; Appendix Table 1.3).



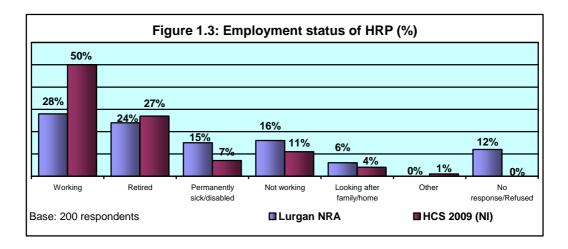
1.3 Average household size

The survey found that the average household size in Lurgan NRA was 2.35. The Northern Ireland average was 2.49¹¹.

¹¹ NISRA Continuous Household Survey 2010/11

1.4 Employment status of Household Reference Person

Almost one-quarter (24%) of HRPs were retired (exclude looking after home), 28% were working (inclusive of 2% self-employed), 15% were permanently sick/disabled, 16% were not working and 6% were looking after family/home. Data at the Northern Ireland level from the HCS 2009 are included in the graph below for reference (Figure 1.3, Appendix Table 1.4).



1.5 Household type

Households were classified into eight types according to the number and ages of household members. Table 1A includes a description of each household type, along with the findings from this survey and from the 2009 House Condition Survey (HCS) for reference. However, since the HCS had a much larger number of respondents, it is important to bear in mind the potential effect of sample error, particularly on the Lurgan NRA Survey, and therefore any conclusions based on a comparison of findings should be made with caution.

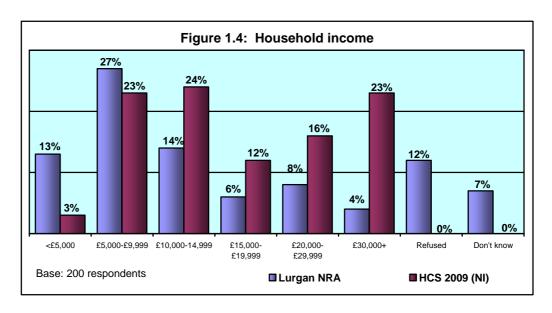
Table 1A: Household types and definitions (%)		
	Lurgan 2011	HCS 2009 (NI)
Small Family (any two adults - related or unrelated - living with 1 or 2 dependent children < 16)	20	13
Lone Adult (lone person below pensionable age - 65 years for men, 60 years for women)	18	13
Lone Older (lone person of pensionable age – 65 years for men, 60 years for women)	15	15
Large Adult (three or more adults - related or unrelated – and no dependent children <16)	10	12
Two Older (two people – related or unrelated - at least one of whom is of pensionable age)	9	14
Two Adult (two people – related or unrelated – below pensionable age)	7	15
Lone Parent (sole adult living with dependent child(ren) <16)	5	8
Large Family (any two adults - related or unrelated - living with more than 2 dependent children < 16)	3	10
Not enough information supplied to classify household type	13	-

Table 1A shows that small family households (20%) were the predominant household type, followed by lone adult (18%), two older (15%), large adult (10%), lone older (9%), two adult (7%), lone parent (5%) and large family (3%). Comparison with HCS 2009 findings shows some variation in the distribution of household types. The proportions of small family and lone adult households were higher than those at NI level. In contrast, lone older, two adult, and two older households were more prevalent at NI level than in the Lurgan NRA (Appendix Table 1.5).

1.7 Annual household income

This survey defines household income as the total annual income before tax of the Household Reference Person (HRP) and partner (if applicable), including all income from savings, employment, benefits and other sources.

Two-fifths (40%) of respondents said their annual gross household income was less than £10,000; 14% had between £10,000 and £14,999, 6% had between £15,000 and £19,999, and 12% had over £20,000. A very high proportion (19%) either did not know or refused to give any details of their income. Full income details are in the appendix tables and data from the HCS 2009 are included in the graph below for reference (Figure 1.4; Appendix Table 1.6).



1.8 Benefits

The main benefits received by HRPs were Housing Benefit (31%), Disability Benefit (24%) and Retirement Pension (24%). Table 1b and Appendix Table 1.7 detail the benefits received by respondents and their partners (if applicable).

Table 1b: Benefits received	Household Reference Person (%)	Partner (%)
Housing Benefit	31	2
A Disability Benefit	24	19
Retirement Pension	24	22
Income Support	18	2
Child Benefit	17	15
Child Tax Credit	17	12
Incapacity Benefit	14	12
Pension Credit	12	2
Working Tax Credit	8	2
Jobseekers Allowance	7	1
Other, including Carer's Allowance	4	2

1.9 Long-term illness or disability

More than two-fifths (45%) of respondents said they or someone in their household had a disability that affected their normal day-to-day activities. Of these respondents, the majority (72; 36%) said their household had one disabled member, 16 (8%) had two disabled members and 2 (1%) had three of more disabled members in the household (Appendix Tables 1.8 and 1.9).

1.10 Household religion

Three quarters (75%) of HRPs described their household religion as Catholic, 15% as Protestant and 4% as mixed religion. The remaining (4%) were other or refused to state the religion of their household (Appendix Table 1.10).

1.11 Ethnic origin and nationality of Household Reference Person Almost all HRPs (90%) were white (Appendix Table 1.11).

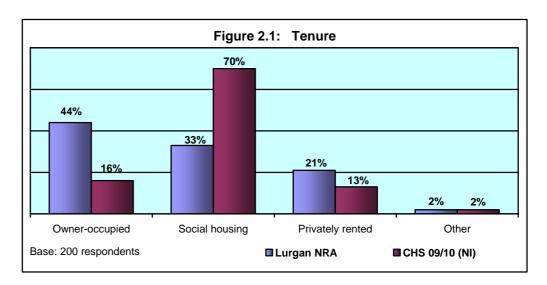
Almost half (46%) of HRPs were Irish; 29% were British; 15% were Northern Irish and 2% were Polish/Latvian. (Appendix Table 1.12).

2.0 Characteristics of the home and area

This chapter presents an analysis of some of the characteristics of homes within the Lurgan NRA, the tenure, length of tenure, satisfaction with aspects of accommodation and propensity to buy or transfer to/from NIHE or Housing Association properties.

2.1 Tenure

A greater proportion of respondents owned their property (44%) than respondents living in social housing (33%) or privately rented accommodation (21%). Data at the Northern Ireland level from the 2009-10 Continuous Household Survey are included in Figure 2.1 for reference (Appendix Table 2.1).



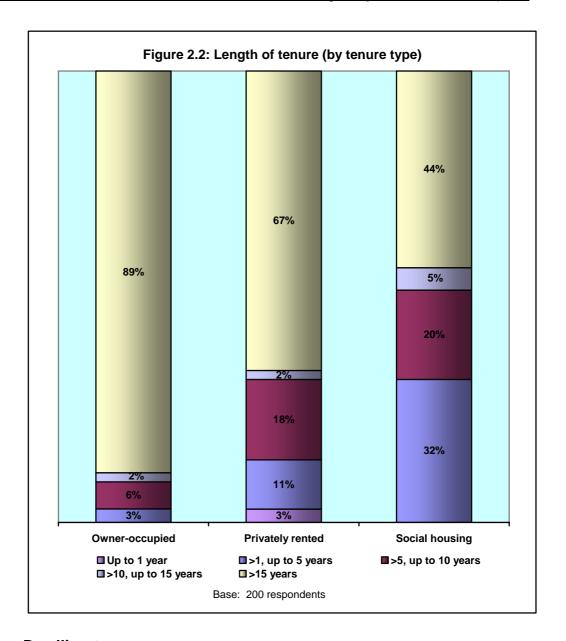
2.2 Length of time living in Lurgan NRA

Almost three-quarters (72%) of respondents had lived in the Lurgan NRA for 15 years or more and the remainder (28%) had lived there for less than 15 years (Appendix Table 2.2).

2.3 Almost three-fifths (57%) of respondents said they had lived within the Lurgan NRA before moving to their present home. Thirteen percent had lived outside the Lurgan NRA, but within the Craigavon area and 13% had lived outside the Craigavon Council area. A further 17% had never lived anywhere else (other than Lurgan NRA) (Appendix Table 2.3).

2.4 Tenure by length of time living in Lurgan NRA

Analysis of length of tenure by type of tenure shows that a higher proportion of owner-occupiers (40%) than those in social housing (22%) or privately rented accommodation (9%) had lived in the Lurgan NRA for more than 15 years. Further detail is in Figure 2.2 and Appendix Table 2.4.



2.5 Dwelling type

More than three-quarter (76%) of respondents said they lived in houses; 15% lived in flats/apartments and 9% lived in bungalows (Appendix Table 2.5).

2.6 Home security

Home security measures in respondents' homes included window locks (52%); door chains (28%); security lights (26%); door viewers (24%) and burglar alarms (4%) (Appendix Table 2.6).

2.7 Smoke alarms

More than two-fifths (41%) of respondents had two smoke alarms and 20% had three or more. More than one-third (35%) of respondents had one smoke alarm in their dwelling. However, 3% of respondents had no smoke alarms present (Appendix Table 2.7).

2.8 Vehicle ownership and parking

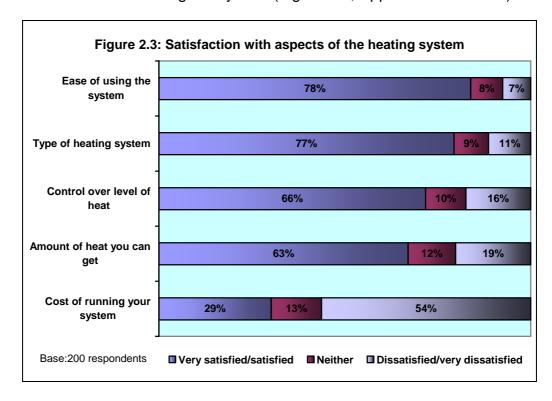
Respondents were asked how many cars or other vehicles were owned or available for use by anyone in their household. More than two-fifths (43%) did not own a vehicle, almost half (47%) owned one vehicle and 6% had two vehicles. Respondents' most common area for parking in the Lurgan NRA was on the street (62%); 30% parked on the driveway and 4% parked in a garage (Appendix Tables 2.8 and 2.9).

2.9 Heating system

Almost all respondents (92%) had full central heating in their home and small proportions had partial central heating (2%), however 6% respondents had no central heating. The main heating source in more than three-quarters (77%) of homes represented in the survey was oil fired with radiators. Other main heating sources included Economy 7 (9%), and mains gas (8%) (Appendix Tables 2.10 and 2.11).

2.10 Satisfaction with heating system

Respondents reported high levels of satisfaction with various aspects of their heating system, ranging from 78% satisfaction with the easy of using the system to 63% satisfaction with the control over the level of heat. However, more than half (54%) of respondents were dissatisfied with the cost of running the system (Figure 2.3; Appendix Table 2.12).



2.11 Ability to adequately heat the home

Almost two-fifths (77: 39%) of respondents said they had been unable to adequately heat their home during the previous 12 months. The cost of domestic fuel (60; 78%), low household income (44; 57%) and money needed for other priorities (43; 56%) were factors contributing to respondents' inability to adequately heat their home (Appendix Tables 2.13-2.15).

2.12 Warm Homes Scheme

Almost half (49%) of respondents had heard of the Warm Homes Scheme. Analysis by tenure shows that awareness of the scheme was highest among owner-occupiers (57; 64%) (Appendix Table 2.16).

2.13 Size of home

Almost four-fifths (79%) of respondents said their home was about the right size; 14% said it was too small and 5% said their home was too big (Appendix Table 2.17).

2.14 Satisfaction with home

More than three-quarters (77%) of respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with their home; 10% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 13% were very dissatisfied/dissatisfied. The main reason for dissatisfaction was 'property not suitable for housing need' and 'repairs required' (Appendix Tables 2.18 and 2.19).

2.15 House sales and transfers

Respondents living in social housing (NIHE or housing association properties – 33%; 66 respondents) were asked about their intentions to purchase or transfer/exchange their dwelling. Only a small proportion (5%) of tenants said they intended to buy their home during the next two years; the majority (80%) of respondents did not intend to buy their home and 15% were unsure (Appendix Table 2.20).

Transfer applications

Of the 80% of respondents in social housing who did not intend to buy their home; 10 (16%) had applied for a transfer from their present property during the previous two years and a small number (1; 2%) intended to apply for a transfer during the next 12 months. Most of those who wished to transfer wanted to stay within the local area (9 respondents) (Appendix Tables 2.21-2.23).

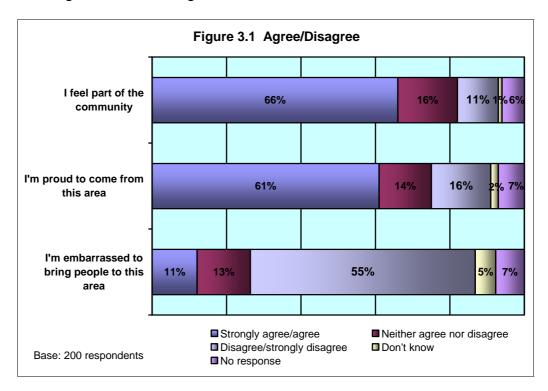
3.0 Lurgan NRA

This chapter presents an analysis of data from questions aimed specifically at respondents' perceptions of life in the Lurgan NRA, including opinion of the area, crime and antisocial behaviour and sense of community safety.

3.1 Perceptions about the area

Respondents were asked to state how much they agreed or disagreed with a number of statements related to their perceptions of the area (Figure 3.1; Appendix Table 3.1).

- Two-thirds (66%) of respondents agreed that they really felt part of the community living in the area; 16% neither agreed nor disagreed and 11% disagreed.
- More than three-fifths (61%) agreed that they were proud to come from the area; 14% neither agreed nor disagreed and 16% disagreed.
- More than half (55%) of respondents disagreed that they felt embarrassed to bring people to the area; 13% neither agreed nor disagreed and 11% agreed.



- 3.2 Almost half (49%) of respondents' thought the area overall was not really changing; 21% thought the area was changing for the better and 29% thought it was changing for the worse (Appendix Table 3.2).
- 3.3 Reasons given by the 21% (42 respondents) who thought the area was changing for the better included 'less ASB and trouble from youths' (16;

42%) and 'homes are well kept and area cleaner' (9; 24%). Among the 29% (59 respondents) who said the area was changing for the worse, the most common reason was 'the increase in ASB (49; 81%) and 'increase the private rental sector' (15; 25%). (Table 3A, Appendix Table 3.3).

Table 3A: Perceived reasons why the local area is changing

Changing for the bett	er	Changing for the worse			
	N	%		N	%
Less ASB and trouble from youths in the area	16	57	Increase in ASB/youths drinking/noise and parties and vandalism	49	83
Homes well kept and area cleaner	9	32	Increase in private rented accommodation and associated problems	15	25
Good mixed area and friendly neighbours	7	25	Lack of parking/rubbish in area/stray dogs and cats	10	17
New build and renovations have improved the area	4	14	Increase of strangers/foreigners into the area	7	12
More amenities for young people	1	4	Area becoming segregated and re- emergence of political ideals	5	8
Don't know	1	4	No longer a close-knit community	3	5
Base: 28 respondents ¹² who gav	re 38 rea	asons	Lack of children's facilities	2	3
			Lack of policing and adequate government funding	2	3
			Other, including high cost of heating, living costs and theft	4	7

Base: 59 respondents who gave 97 reasons

3.4 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Lurgan NRA

Respondents were asked to rate how much of a problem different types of anti-social behaviour (ASB) were in their area within a 15 minute walk of their home. In line with the latest Northern Ireland Crime Survey 2008/9 (NICS), the following seven strands of ASB were used to form a composite measure to gauge the overall perceived level of ASB in the local area and to allow comparison between levels of perceived ASB in Lurgan NRA and in Northern Ireland as a whole:

- 1. abandoned or burnt out cars;
- 2. noisy neighbours or loud parties;
- 3. people being drunk or rowdy in public places;
- 4. people using or dealing drugs;
- 5. teenagers hanging around on the streets;
- 6. rubbish or litter lying around; and
- 7. vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property.
- 3.5 Based on this composite measure, findings from this survey show that a very high percentage (34%) of people in Lurgan NRA perceived the level of ASB in their local area to be high. The equivalent figure for Northern Ireland was considerably lower (13% 13).

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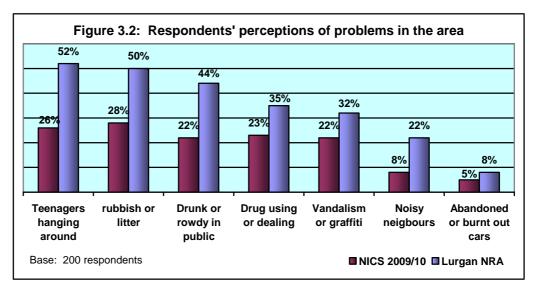
A total of 42 respondents thought the area was changing for the better; however, 14 did not give any reasons why they held this view.

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- **3.6** The two ASB types perceived by the largest proportions of respondents to be problems in the local area were:
 - teenagers hang around on street (52%); and
 - rubbish or litter lying about (50%).

The most prevalent perceived problems at Northern Ireland level¹⁴ were:

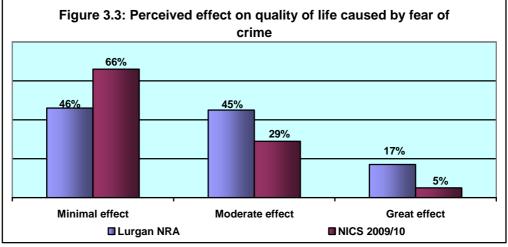
- rubbish or litter lying around lying around (28%); and
- teenagers hanging around on the streets (26%) (Figure 3.2: Appendix Table 3.4).
- 3.7 Findings from the Lurgan NRA survey show that the lowest proportions of respondents perceived the following types of ASB to be problematic: vandalism and graffiti (32%), noisy neighbours and loud parties (22%) and abandoned or burnt out cars (8%). The least prevalent perceived ASB problems at Northern Ireland level were noisy neighbours (8%) and abandoned or burnt out cars (5%).



- 3.8 Perceptions of the effect of 'fear of crime' on quality of life
 Respondents were asked to rate how much their quality of life was
 affected by fear of crime on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being 'no effect' and
 10 being 'a total effect'. In order to standardise the results, the
 following conventions have been used to gauge the effect of 'fear of
 crime' on quality of life:
 - 1. minimally affected (responded in the range 1 to 3);
 - 2. moderately affected (responded in the range 4 to 7); and
 - 3. greatly affected (responded in the range 8 to 10).
- 3.9 Almost half (46%) of respondents in Lurgan NRA felt that 'fear of crime' had a minimal impact on their quality of life and more than one-third (34%) said it had a moderate effect. Seventeen per cent of respondents considered that their quality of life was greatly affected by

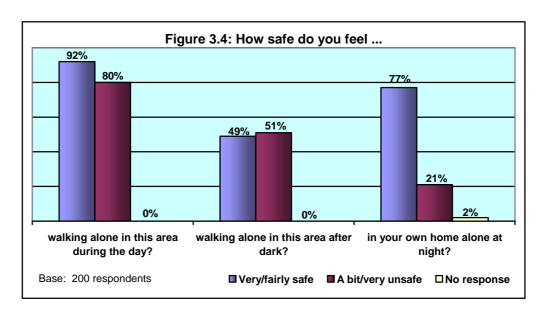
¹⁴ NICS 2008/09: Perceptions of Crime Research and Statistical Bulletin 1/2010

their 'fear of crime'. This is illustrated in Figure 3.3 and Appendix Table 3.5.



3.10 Perceptions about personal safety

The vast majority (92%) of respondents said they felt safe walking alone in the area during the day. Almost half (49%) of respondents felt safe walking alone in the area at night; however, 21% did not feel safe in their own home when alone at night. Respondents' reasons for not feeling safe are detailed in the appendix tables (Figure 3.4; Appendix Tables 3.6-3.10).



4.0 Neighbourhood Renewal

This chapter analyses respondents' awareness of physical improvements to the area and recent neighbourhood renewal activity, assesses community involvement, measures satisfaction with services and identifies perceptions about other services, facilities or improvements needed in the Lurgan NRA.

4.1 Physical changes within the Lurgan NRA

More than four-fifths (82%) of respondents were not aware of any physical changes which had improved the neighbourhood within the previous 12 months. Physical changes identified by the remaining 18% (36 respondents) included safety gates/rails fitted/planting scheme and new build and regeneration (Appendix Tables 4.1 and 4.2).

4.2 Important issues to be addressed in the neighbourhood

Almost half (46%) of respondents thought there were issues that needed to be addressed. The most common issues were reducing ASB and improving footpaths and roads. A full breakdown of issues identified by respondents is in Appendix Tables 4.3 and 4.4.

4.3 Facilities/services/activities in the area

Respondents were asked about their awareness and use of certain facilities in the area and whether anyone in their household would use them. The highest proportions of respondents were aware of a mother and toddler group (49%) and sports facilities (47%). Use of these facilities varied greatly. A summary of responses is in Table 4A and a full breakdown is in Appendix Table 4.5.

Table 4A: Awareness and use of local facilities

	Percentages		
	Aware of	Would use	
Mother and Toddler Group	49	13	
Sports facilities	47	36	
Youth activities	44	22	
Pre/extended school play group	42	19	
Adult education classes	41	18	
Facilities for senior citizens	36	14	

4.4 Services needed that were not already available

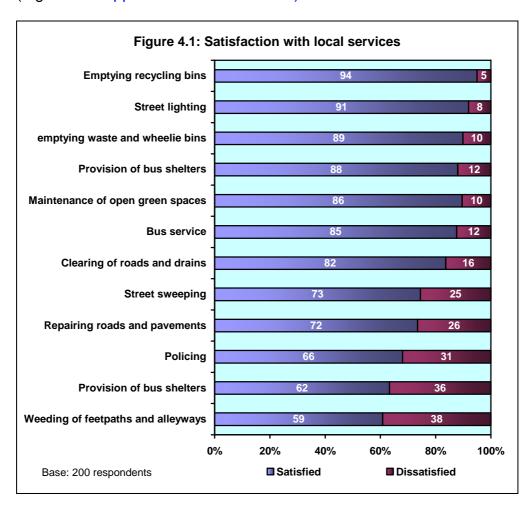
More than one-quarter (27%) of respondents gave examples of services or facilities needed in the area. Of these respondents, more than one-quarter (19; 27%) said more youth clubs and facilities and 11 (16%) said more facilities for children were needed. Responses were varied and are detailed fully in the appendix tables (Appendix Table 4.6).

4.5 Neighbourhood warden

More than four-fifths (88%) of respondents said they were not aware of the Housing Executive's neighbourhood warden service. Of the 11% of respondents who were aware, only a small number (6) had used the service and most of them were satisfied with the service they had received (Appendix Tables 4.7-4.9).

4.6 General services within the area

Respondents were asked about a number of general services provided in the area and whether they found them satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Respondents were most satisfied with the emptying of recycle bins (94%) and least satisfied with provision of bus shelters (62%) and weeding of footpaths and alleyways (59%) in the area. The reasons for dissatisfaction were varied and are detailed in the appendix tables (Figure 4.1: Appendix Tables 4.10-4.31).

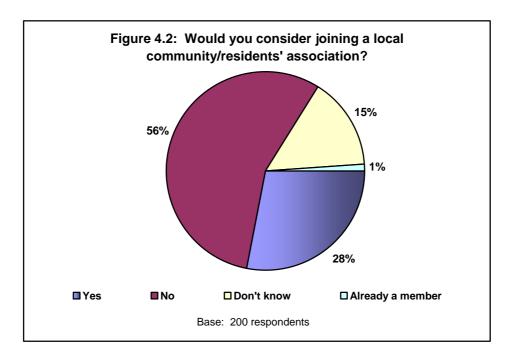


4.7 Community/residents' associations

More than one-quarter (28%) of respondents said their area had a community/residents' association; 52% did not know and the remaining 20% said their area did not have one. Respondents who were aware were asked to give the name of their local community/residents' association. Their responses are listed in the appendix tables (Appendix Tables 4.32 and 4.33).

Of the 55 respondents (28%) who said their area had a community/ residents' association, three-quarters (41; 75%) felt it was representative of the community as a whole; 7% said it was not representative and the remaining 10 respondents (18%) did not know (Appendix Table 4.34). The reasons given by respondents who thought the community/residents' association did not represent the community are detailed in Appendix Table 4.35.

More than half (56%) of respondents said they would not consider joining a local community/residents' association and 15% said they would consider doing so. A further 28% of respondents were undecided and 1% were already members of a local community/residents' association (Figure 4.2; Appendix Table 4.36).



4.8 Awareness of the local NRA

More than four-fifths (83%) of respondents had not been aware that their home was within the Lurgan NRA. Of the 17% (34 respondents) who had been aware that their home was within the Lurgan NRA. Only a small proportion of respondents (4; 12%) had contributed to the consultation process for the development of a neighbourhood renewal action plan.

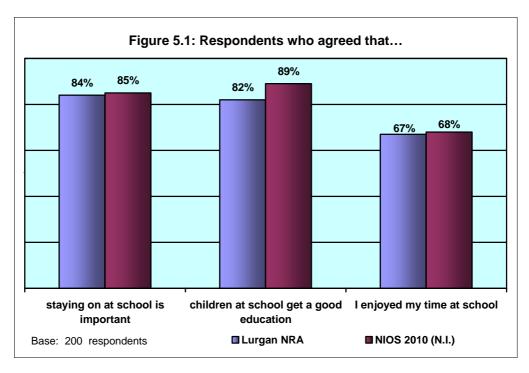
Of the 22 respondents (65%) who had not contributed to the consultation process, the main reasons were that they had not known about it/had not been asked to contribute to Neighbourhood Renewal (Appendix Tables 4.37-4.40).

5.0 Education in Lurgan NRA

One of the main objectives of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is to improve educational standards. This survey sought to ascertain respondents' views on educational services for children and their personal experiences of, and opinions on, educational provision in Lurgan NRA. The results of the latest education module of the 2010 Northern Ireland Omnibus Survey¹⁵ (NIOS) have been included for information; however, since the NIOS had a much larger number of respondents, it is important to bear in mind the potential effect of sample error, particularly on the Lurgan NRA Survey, and therefore any conclusions based on a comparison of findings should be made with caution.

5.1 General opinions about education

Respondents were asked how much they agreed or disagreed with a series of statements relating to education in general. More than four-fifths (84%) agreed that staying on at school is important if one wants to get a good job and a similar proportion (82%) agreed that children at school in Northern Ireland get a good education. More than two-thirds (67%) agreed that they had enjoyed their time at school. Results from the NIOS 2010 are broadly similar (Figure 5.1; Appendix Table 5.1).



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¹⁵ NISRA – Northern Ireland Omnibus Survey 2010 – Education Module

5.2 Parents of children aged 4-18

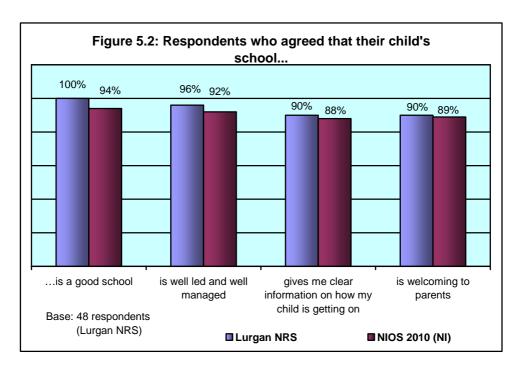
The survey included a series of questions on education, directed at respondents who were the parent/guardian of children aged between 4 and 18 and attending school (24% of all respondents to the survey). If these respondents had more than one child of school age, they were asked to answer the questions with particular reference to the child whose birthday was next (Appendix Table 5.2).

5.3 Primary/secondary education

Almost two-thirds (30; 62%) of respondents with school-age children said their child was in primary education (Years 1 to 7) and 18 respondents (38%) said their child was in post-primary education (Year 8 to 14) (Appendix Table 5.3).

5.4 Parents' opinions on schools

Respondents who were parents of school-aged children were asked to state the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with a series of statements relating to their child's school. All respondents (48; 100%) agreed their child's school is a good school; high proportions also agreed that their child's school is well led and well managed (46: 96%), gives clear information on how their child is getting on (43: 90%) and is welcoming to parents (43; 90%). Results from the NIOS 2010 broadly reflect these views, illustrated in Figure 5.2 and Appendix Table 5.4.



5.5 Importance of parental responsibilities regarding education

Almost all respondents (47; 98%; NIOS 2010 - 94%) who had schoolage children said making sure their child attends school regularly and on time was very/quite important and all respondents (48; 100%; NIOS 2010 - 98%) said helping their child with homework was very/quite important (Appendix Table 5.5).

5.6 Term-time holidays

A high proportion, three-fifths (29; 60%) of respondents with schoolage children, reported that they would consider taking their child out of school during term time, for example, for a family break or holiday. This figure was much lower at Northern Ireland level as reported by the NIOS 2010, which found that 24% of parents would consider taking their child out of school during term time (Appendix Table 5.6).

5.7 Parental involvement

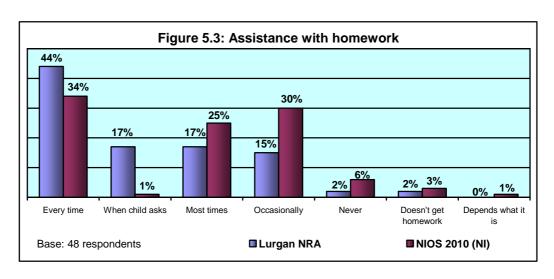
The majority (43; 90%) of respondents said they felt involved in their child's school life (NI level – 87%). Respondents reported different levels of involvement in their child's school, for example helping out with dinner duties/school trips (5; 10%). Findings from this survey and from the 2010 NIOS at Northern Ireland level are included for reference in Table 5A and Appendix Tables 5.7-5.9.

Table 5A: Type of parental involvement in child's school

	Percentages	
	Lurgan	NIOS
Activity	2011	2010 (NI)
Attending parent-teacher meetings	88	81
Helping out with dinner duties/school trips and so on	10	11
Helping out with school clubs	6	8
Helping out in the classroom	6	5
Getting involved with the Parent Teacher	1	19
Association	4	19

5.8 Assistance with homework

More than two-fifths (21; 44%) of respondents with school-age children said they help their child with their homework every time; equal proportions (8; 17%) said they help most times or when the child asks for help; seven respondents (15%) said they help occasionally. This is illustrated in Figure 5.3 which also shows data at the Northern Ireland level from the NIOS 2010 (Figure 5.3 and Appendix Table 5.10).



5.9 Confidence helping child with homework

More than one-third (17; 36%) of respondents with children at school said they would feel confident most of the time helping their child with homework, 11 (23%) said they would always feel confident. And 14 (29%) said they would feel confident some of the time. Fewer respondents said it depends what the homework is (3; 2%) and the remainder (6; 4%) never felt confident helping their child. Findings from the 2010 NIOS are included for reference in the appendix tables (Appendix Table 5.11).

5.10 Children of primary school age

Of those 48 respondents (24% of all respondents) with children who were still at school, 30 (62%) had one child or more between Year 1 and Year 7, i.e. at primary school (Appendix Tables 5.12 and 5.13).

Respondents with more than one child of primary school age were asked to think about their eldest child when answering the following questions:

- Almost all respondents with children at primary school (29 out of 30) agreed that their child's school puts enough emphasis on reading and writing skills.
- Most of this sub-sample of respondents (26 out of 30) agreed that their child's school puts enough emphasis on basic numeracy skills/sums (Appendix Table 5.14).

5.11 Working in schools

All respondents were asked if they had ever worked in a school: almost half (90; 45%) said they had done so (Appendix Table 5.15).

Appendix 1: Technical information

Survey methodology

The Research Unit conducted interviews face-to-face with householders whose addresses had been randomly sampled from the Postal Address Database. Each household received a letter explaining the survey prior to visits by interviewers, who made up to five attempts to achieve an interview at each issued address, unless a sampled household had notified Research Unit of their unwillingness to participate in the survey. At least one of the five attempts was made in the evening or at the weekend. Interviewers did not make calls on Sundays, except by prior arrangement with respondents.

The sample and response rate

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Survey was based on a random sample of 400 households from all tenures in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

On completion of fieldwork, 18 addresses in the sample were identified as being ineligible due to being vacant, inaccessible or derelict, which reduced the valid sample to 382 addresses. A total of 200 completed interviews, therefore, gave a response rate of 52% (Table A1).

Table A1

Breakdown of response:		
•	Number	%
Original target sample	400	
Vacant/derelict/ inaccessible	15	
Non residential	3	
Revised target sample	382	100
Refusals	58	15
Non-contacts	124	33
Actual interviews achieved	200	52

Sample error

The proportion of respondents who gave a particular answer was only an estimate of the proportion of all potential respondents in Lurgan NRA who would have given that answer, i.e. there was a margin of error, plus or minus, known as the sample error. Table A2 shows the margins of error for various percentages and a sample size of 200 at the 95% confidence level. The 95% confidence level means that if the same survey were to be carried out 20 times, exactly the same results would be obtained in 19 of those cases.

If, for example, the percentage cited in the report is 80%, the probable sample error is \pm 5.6%. Therefore, there are 95 chances in 100 that the true figure lies between 74.6% and 85.4%.

Table A2

Sample size: 200	Perd	Percentages								
	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	
	95	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50
Sample error:	3.0	4.2	5.0	5.6	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.9	6.9

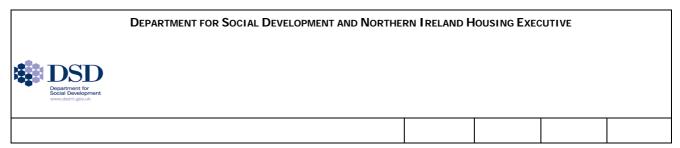
Reporting conventions

Conditions regarding the inclusion of numbers and/or percentages in findings, depending on the size of the sample or sub-sample, are set out below:

- Where the sample, or sub-sample, is 100 or more, the textual analysis (i.e. the main body of the report) includes percentages only. The tabular analysis (i.e. the appendix tables) includes both numbers and percentages.
- ♦ Where the sample, or sub-sample, is 50 or more but less than 100, both the textual and tabular analyses include numbers and percentages.
- ♦ Where the sample, or sub-sample, is less than 50, both the textual and tabular analyses include numbers, but **not** percentage figures.

Since the total achieved sample in this survey is 200 and questions were directed at sub-samples of less than 100 and also less than 50 respondents, all of the above conditions apply to sections of both the textual and tabular analyses. However, in the case of the sub-sample group of respondents with school-age children (48 respondents), the Research Unit decided, due to the proximity to the normal cut-off figure of 50, it was acceptable to include percentage figures in the analysis for the benefit of the client.

Appendix 2: Questionnaire



LURGAN NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL SURVEY

The Housing Executive, on behalf of the Dept for Social Development is carrying out a survey of people living in the Lurgan area. The aim of the survey is to understand your views of the type of housing you live in and your perceptions of the Lurgan area as a place to live. The findings will be used by Government to assess the impact of the Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative.

All information given will be treated in the strictest confidence

Section 1 - You and your home

Q1. How long have you lived in the Lurgan area?

Please circle one response only

Less than 6 months	1
6 months or more but less than 1 year	2
1 year or more but less than 5	3
5 years or more but less than 10	4
10 years or more but less than 15	5
More than 15 years	6

Q2. Where did you live immediately before your present home?

Please circle one response only

Within the Lurgan area?	1
Outside the Lurgan area but within the Craigavon Council area	2
Outside the Craigavon Council area	3
Have never lived anywhere else	4

Q3. Which of the following best describes your home?

Please circle one response only

House	1
Flat/apartment	2
Bungalow	3
Other, <i>please specify here</i>	4

Q4. Do you rent or own your home?

Please circle one response only

Please circle one response only	
Rent from Housing Executive	1
Rent from Housing Association	2
Rent Privately	3
Owner Occupier	4
Purchased through Co-ownership	5
Other, please specify here	6

Q5. Does your home have any of the following.....?

Please circle either yes or no for each security device

	Yes	No
Window Locks	1	2
Security Lights	1	2
Burglar Alarm	1	2
Door Chain	1	2
Door Viewer (Peep-Hole)	1	2
Other security device, <i>please specify here</i>	1	2

Q6. How many working smoke alarms do you have in your home?

Please circle one response only

One	1
Two	2
Three or more	3
None	4

Q7. How many cars or other vehicles are owned or available for use, by one or more members of your household?

Please circle one response only

One	1	» Continue to question 8
Two	2	» Continue to question 8
Three or more	3	» Continue to question 8
None	4	» Go to question 9

Q8. Where do you usually park your only or main vehicle?

Please circle one response only

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On the street		1
In my garage		2
On the driveway		3
Other, <i>please specify here</i>		4

Q9. Do you have central heating in your home?

Please circle one response only

Yes – full	1
Yes – partial	2
No	3

Q10. What is your *main* source of heating?

Please circle one response only	
Oil Fired with radiators	1
Mains Gas	2
Bottled/Tank gas	3
Economy 7	4
Electric fire (not Economy 7)	5
Solid Fuel Open Fire (with radiators)	6
Solid Fuel Open Fire (no radiators)	7
Solid Fuel Glass Fronted Fire (with radiators)	8
Solid Fuel Glass Fronted Fire (no radiators)	9
Other, please specify here	10

Q11. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following aspects of your *main* heating system?

First of all...

Please circle one response for each aspect of your main heating system

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
the type of heating system	1	2	3	4	5
the cost of running your system	1	2	3	4	5
the amount of heat that you can get	1	2	3	4	5
the control over the level of heat	1	2	3	4	5
The ease of use of the system	1	2	3	4	5

Q12. In the last 12 months, have you ever been unable to adequately heat your home?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	»Continue to question 13
No	2	»Go to question 14

Q13. Thinking about the last occasion, which of the following factors were responsible for your inability to adequately heat your home?

Please circle one answer for each line

Yes 1	No
1	_
	2
1	2
1	2
1	2
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Q14. Have you heard of the Warm Homes Scheme (which provides a package of energy efficiency and heating measures to owner occupiers and people living in privately rented accommodation)?

Please circle one response only

one response only		
Yes	1	
Nο	2	

Q15. Would you say that your home is:

Please circle one response only

Too big	1
About the right size	2
Too small	3
Don't know	4

Q16. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your home?

Please circle one response only

Very satisfied	1	
Quite satisfied	2	» Go to Section 2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3	
Dissatisfied	4	» Continue to question 17
Very dissatisfied	5	-

If dissati	sfied, can you plea	ase tell us your <i>r</i>	<i>main</i> reasons why	<i>γ</i> ?	
1.					
2.					

Section 2 - Future Intentions

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOR **HOUSING EXECUTIVE AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS ONLY**. IF YOU ARE **NOT** A HOUSING EXECUTIVE/ ASSOCIATION TENANT PLEASE GO TO **SECTION 3**

Q1. Do you intend within the next 2 years to buy your home from the Housing Executive/Housing Association?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Go to Section 3
No	2	» Continue to question 2
Don't know	3	» Continue to question 2

Q2. Have you applied in the last 2 years to the Housing Executive/Housing Association for a transfer from your present property?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Go to question 4
No	2	» Continue to question 3

Q3. Do you intend within the next 12 months to apply for a Housing Executive/Housing Association transfer?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 4
No	2	» Go to Section 3

Q4. If Yes, where do you wish to transfer to?

Please circle one response only

Wish to transfer within your own local area	1
Wish to transfer to a different area	2
Other, please specify	3

Q5. What are your *main reasons* for applying for a transfer?

1.			
2.			
3.			

Section 3 - Your Neighbourhood

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOR ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your area?

			Please	e circle one r	esponse on (each line
First of all	Strongly	Agree a	Neither	Disagree	Strongly	Don't
	agree	little	/ nor	a little	disagree	know
I really feel part of the community, living in this area	1	2	3	4	5	6
I'm embarrassed to bring people to this area	1	2	3	4	5	6
I feel proud to come from this area	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q2. Would you say that, *overall*, this area is...

Please circle one response only

Changing for the better	1	» Continue to question 3
Not really changing	2	» Go to question 4
Changing for the worse	3	» Continue to question 3

Q3.	Why	do	you	say	that?

1.		
2.		
3.		

Q4. For the following types of anti-social behaviour, can you tell me how much of a problem they are in your area. By area we mean within a 15 minute walk.

Please circle one answer on each line

	Very big problem	Fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	No problem at all
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	1	2	3	4
Teenagers hanging around on streets	1	2	3	4
Rubbish or litter lying about	1	2	3	4
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	1	2	3	4
People using or dealing in drugs	1	2	3	4
Abandoned or burnt out cars	1	2	3	4
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	1	2	3	4

Q5. How much is your own quality of life affected by fear of crime on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is no effect and 10 is a total effect on your quality of life?

					F	Please c	ircle one	e respor	nse only
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q6. How safe do you feel walking alone in this area after dark? (by area we mean within a 15 minute walk). If you never go out alone at night, how safe **would** you feel?

Please circle one response only

Very safe	Fairly safe	A bit unsafe	Very unsafe
1	2	3	4
» Go to question 8		» Continue to question 7	

Q7. Why do you feel unsafe walking alone in this area after dark?

Please circle one response only

Trease circle one respe		
Too old	1	
Ill/sick/disabled		
Family responsibilities		
Fear of being mugged or physically attacked		
Fear of burglary/vandalism	5	
Fear of becoming a victim of crime	6	
Fear of being subject to or witnessing anti-social behaviour		
Fear of receiving verbal abuse		
Young people hanging around		
People using or dealing drugs		
Other, please specify here	11	

Q8. How safe do you feel walking alone in this area during the day? If you never go out alone during the day, how safe **would** you feel?

Please circle one response only

Very safe	Fairly safe	A bit unsafe	Very unsafe
1	2	3	4
» Go to question 11		» Continue to question 10	

Q10. Why do you/would you feel unsafe walking alone in this area during the day?

Please circle one response only

Please Circle One respo	irise oriiy
Too old	1
III/sick/disabled	2
Family responsibilities	3
Fear of being mugged or physically attacked	4
Fear of burglary/vandalism	5
Fear of becoming a victim of crime	
Fear of being subject to or witnessing anti-social behaviour	
Fear of receiving verbal abuse	
Young people hanging around	
People using or dealing drugs	10
Other, please specify here	11

Q11. How safe do you feel when you are alone in your own home at night? NB – if you are never alone at night, how safe *would* you feel?

Please circle one response only

Very safe	Fairly safe	A bit unsafe	Very unsafe
1	2	3	4

Please go to Section 4.

Section 4 - Neighbourhood Renewal

Q1. Are you aware of any physical changes that have *improved* your neighbourhood in the last 12 months?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 2
No	2	» Go to question 3

Q2. If yes, please give details of the most recent improvements to your area.

1.	
2.	
2	
3.	

Q3. Are there any important issues in your neighbourhood that you think need to be addressed?

Please circle one response only

Υ	'es	1	» Continue to question 4
Ν	lo	2	» Go to question 5

Q4. What are the most important issues in your neighbourhood that you would like to see addressed? Please limit your responses to 3 issues.

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2.	
3.	

TO ALL RESPONDENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you about facilities and services in your area. We are going to ask you about each type of facility or service in turn. Firstly...

Section A: Are you aware of the facility/service in your area?

Section B: FOR THOSE 'AWARE OF' AT SECTION A - Does your household use this facility/service?

Please circle a response to indicate awareness or not in Section A for each facility/service aware of and say if used or not in Section B

	Section A		Sect	Section B	
	Aware of the facilities/services		If yes, do you or household members use these facilities		
Mother/Toddler & Childcare Facilities	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Pre/Extended School Facilities	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Youth Facilities	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Facilities for Senior Citizens	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Education Classes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Sports Facilities	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Q6. Can you tell me, what facilities, services or activities would you like to see provided in the area that are not already available.

1		
2		
3		

Q7. Do you know about the neighbourhood warden service provided by the Housing Executive?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 8
No	2	» Go to question 11

Q8. Have you ever used the service?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 9
No	2	» Go to question 11

Q9. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the service you received?

Please circle one response only

riease circle one response on	iy	
Very satisfied	1	
Quite satisfied	2	» Go to question 11
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3	-
Dissatisfied	4	» Continue to question 10
Very dissatisfied	5	-

Q10.	ii dissatistied, flow could the service be improved? (please specify)
	1.
	2.

Q11. Here is a list of general services *in the area*. Please tell us whether the service is satisfactory or unsatisfactory in Part A and if it is unsatisfactory, please give your <u>main</u> reason why in Part B.

First	P	art A	Part B
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Why unsatisfactory
Emptying of general household waste wheelie bins	1	2	
Emptying of recycling bins	1	2	
Repairing of roads & pavements	1	2	
Street sweeping	1	2	
Clearing of road drains	1	2	
Street lighting	1	2	
Policing in the area	1	2	
Bus services	1	2	
Provision of bus shelters	1	2	
Maintenance of open green areas	1	2	
Weeding of footpaths and alleyways	1	2	

Q12. Does your area have a local Community/Residents' Association?

Please circle one response only

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Yes	1	» Continue to question 13
No	2	» Go to question 16
Don't know	3	» Go to question 16

Q13.	If yes, please state the name of your local Community/Residents Association.

Q14. Do you feel the local Community/Residents Association is representative of the local community as a whole?

Please circle one response only

Yes	ı	» Go to question 16
No	2	» Continue to question 15
Don't know	3	» Go to question 16

Q15.	If no – please give your main reasons why?				

Q16. Would you consider joining a local Community/Residents Association?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3
Already a member	4

Neighbourhood Renewal is a partnership between all government departments, agencies, communities and others to work together to close the gap between the quality of life for those living in the most disadvantaged areas with the rest of Northern Ireland. Your household has been selected to participate in this survey because you live within the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

To all respondents

Q17.	Were you a	ware that voi	ur household lies	within the <i>Lurgan</i>	Neighbourhood	Renewal Area?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 18
No	2	» Go to Section 5

Q18. Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plans have been developed for your area. Did you contribute to the consultation process for the development of the Neighbourhood Renewal action plan for your area?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 19
No	2	» Go to question 20
Don't know	3	» Go to Section 5

Q19. If yes, please give brief details about your level of contribution to the Neighbourhood Renewal Consultation Exercise?

	» Go to Section 5
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Q20. If no, please tell us your main reason why you did not contribute to the consultation process?

	» Go to Section 5

Section 5 - Education

One of the main objectives of Neighbourhood Renewal is to improve educational standards. The Department of Social Development want high quality educational services for children and are interested in your personal experiences of, and opinions on, educational provision where you live.

To all respondents

Q1. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about education?

Please circle one answer on each line isagree a Strongly Don't

	Strongly agree	Agree a little	Neither agree / nor disagree	Disagree a little	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Children at school in Northern Ireland get a good education.	1	2	3	4	5	8
Staying on at school is important if you want to get a good job.	1	2	3	4	5	8
I enjoyed my time at school.	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q2. Are you or your partner the parent or legal guardian of any children between the ages of 4 and 18 who are at school?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1	» Continue to question 3
No	2	» Go to question 15

To respondents with school age children

Q3. The following questions are about education. We now need you to select one child in the household for you to consider when answering these education questions. Please follow the instructions from the grid below.

If you have one child aged between 4 and 18 who	» Go to question 4
is at school	
If you have more than one child aged between 4	» Please choose the child whose birthday
and 18 who is at school	is next and continue to question 4.

Q4. What year is this child in at school?

Please tick one box for the child selected at question 3

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P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Lower	Upper
							Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	6 th	6 th

Questions 5 to 11 are in relation to the child selected at Q3

Q5. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Please circle one answer on each line

	Strongly agree	Agree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree a little	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I find my child's school welcoming to parents	1	2	3	4	5	8
My child's school gives me clear information on how my child is getting on	1	2	3	4	5	8
My child's school is well led and well managed	1	2	3	4	5	8
My child's school is a good school	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q6. Here is a list of responsibilities parents have told the Department of Education about. For each one can you tell us how important it is to you?

Please circle one answer on each line

	Very	Quite	Not very	Not at all	Don't
	important	important	important	important	know
Making sure your child attends school regularly and on time.	1	2	3	4	8
Helping your child with schoolwork	1	2	3	4	8

Q7. Sometimes parents take their child out of school during term time, for example on a family break or holiday. Would you consider doing this yourself?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2

Q8. How involved do you personally feel in your child's school life?

Please circle one response only

Very involved	Fairly	Not very	Not at all
	involved	involved	involved
1	2	3	4

Q9. Thinking of your involvement with your child's school, which (if any) of the following activities do you do?

Please circle one answer on each line

	Ticase circle one answer	OH Cach line
	Yes	No
Go to parent teacher meetings	1	2
Help out in the classroom	1	2
Help out with dinner duties/school trips and so on	1	2
Help out with school clubs	1	2
Get involved with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	1	2
None of these	1	2
Other, <i>please specify</i>	1	2

Q10. How often do you help your child with their homework?

Please circle one response only

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Doesn't get homework	1
Every time	2
Most times	3
Occasionally	4
Never	5
When the child/children ask for help	6

Q11. How confident do you/would you feel helping your child with their homework?

Please circle one response only

Ī	Always confident	Confident most of	Confident some of	Never confident	Depends what it is
		the time	the time		
I	1	2	3	4	5

Q12. The next question applies only to respondents who are the parent/guardian of a child or children in primary school, from Year 1 (P1) to Year 7 (P7).

If you have one child in Primary School	» Go to question 13
If you have more than one child in primary school	» Please choose the eldest of these children
	and continue to question 13.

Q13. What year is this child in at school?

Please tick one	hox for	the child	selected at	auestion 1	2
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P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7

Q14. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements (about the child in primary school between years 1 and 7)

Please circle one answer on each line

	Trease divide ente answer en each					
	Strongly	Agree a	Neither	Disagree a	Strongly	Don't
	agree	little	agree nor	little	disagree	know
			disagree			
My child's school puts enough emphasis on reading and writing skills	1	2	3	4	5	8
My child's school puts enough emphasis on basic numeracy skills/sums	1	2	3	4	5	8

To all respondents

Q15. Have you ever worked in a school?

Please circle one response only

Yes	1
No	2

Section 6 - You and Your Household

It would be very helpful to the research if you could provide some details about yourself and the people who live with you

Under the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) a "disabled person" is defined as a person with:

"A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities".

Day to day activities are normal activities carried out by most people on a regular basis. The affect of the disability must have lasted at least 12 months, or are likely to last at least 12 months or for the rest of the life of the person affected.

Q1. Does any member of your household have a disability which affects their normal day to day activities?

Please circle one response only

•	Yes	1	» Continue to question 2
	No	2	» Go to question 3

Q2. How many members of your household have a disability that affects their normal day to day activities?

Please circle one response only						
1	2	3+				

Q3 How many people live in this household?

Enter number	
	1
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Now please go to question 4

Q4. Could you please complete the following table and provide details of everyone who lives here and how they are related to the **Household Reference Person** (HRP)? *This is the person who would be considered to be the head of the household.* Please circle a response for each category that applies to each person. Please start by giving the age of the Household Reference Person and then work down the categories, circling the appropriate response.

Person:	HRP	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Age on last birthday:	пкг		3	4	3	0		0	9	10
Age of fast birthday.										
Gender Male	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Female	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Your Household HRP	1									
Relationship to HRP: Partner (married)		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Partner (cohabiting)		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Partner (civil partnership)		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Child Parent		5 6								
Other Relative		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Lodger		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Other non-relative		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Employment Status										
Self Employed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Working full-time	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Working part-time	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Not working short term (< 1 year)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Not working long term (> 1 year)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Retired (excludes looking after home)	6	6	6	6 7	6 7	6	6	6	6	6
Student (further / higher education) Permanent Sick/Disabled	7 8	7 8	7 8	8	8	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8
Looking after family/home	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Other, including schoolchild	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Marital Status			10	-10	10	10	10	10	10	-10
Single (never married)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Married (first marriage)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Re-married	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Civil Partnership		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Separated (but still legally married)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Divorced (but not legally remarried)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Widowed (but not legally remarried)	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Ethnic Group White	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chinese	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Irish Traveller	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Indian	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Pakistani	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Bangladeshi	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Black Caribbean	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Black African	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Mixed Ethnic (please specify)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Other, please specify	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Black other (please specify)	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Nationality British	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Irish	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Northern Irish	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Portuguese	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Latvian	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Lithuanian	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Polish	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Nigerian	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Other (please specify)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
					1	1		1	1	

Q5. Can you please indicate the approximate **total GROSS WEEKLY/MONTHLY/ANNUAL income** from all sources for yourself and your partner (if you have one). That will be the amount before deductions of income tax, National Insurance and other compulsory deductions. Please take into account any money you may have from employment including bonuses, overtime, pensions and state pensions, benefits and interests from savings. Exclude money you may receive from other members of the household.

Please circle one response only

Less than £96 per week	Less than £417 per month	Less than £5,000 per year	1
£97 - £192 per week	£418 - £833 per month	£5,000 - £9999 per year	2
£193 - £288 per week	£834 - £1,250 per month	£10,000 - £14,999 per year	3
£289 - £385 per week	£1,251 - £1,667 per month	£15,000 - £19,999 per year	4
£386 - £481 per week	£1,668 - £2,083 per month	£20,000 - £24,999 per year	5
£482 - £577 per week	£2,084 - £2,500 per month	£25,000 - £29,999 per year	6
£578 - £673 per week	£2,501 - £2,917 per month	£30,000 - £34,999 per year	7
£674 - £769 per week	£2,918 - £3,333 per month	£35,000 - £39,999 per year	8
£770 - £962 per week	£3,334 - £4,167 per month	£40,000 - £49,999 per year	9
£963 or more per week	£4,168 or more per month	£50,000 or more per year	10
Refused	Refused	Refused	77
Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	88

Q6. Does the Household Reference Person or partner (if applicable) receive any of the following benefits? (If no partner code N/A)

Please circle a response for each benefit the household reference person and partner, if applicable, receives.

	Household Reference Person					
	Yes	No	Refused	Don't know		
Child Benefit	1	2	7	9		
A Disability Benefit	1	2	7	9		
Incapacity Benefit	1	2	7	9		
Housing Benefit	1	2	7	9		
Income Support	1	2	7	9		
Jobseeker's Allowance	1	2	7	9		
Retirement Pension (inc works pension)	1	2	7	9		
Working Tax Credit	1	2	7	9		
Child Tax Credit	1	2	7	9		
Pension Credit	1	2	7	9		
Other Benefits, please specify	1	2	7	9		

	Partner							
Yes	No	Refused	Not	Don't				
103	NO		applicable	know				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				
1	2	7	8	9				

Q7. The Housing Executive has a policy of promoting complete equality in the provision of housing and housing related services in Northern Ireland. In order to help monitor this it would be helpful if you would describe the religious composition of this household.

Please circle one response only

Thease circle one response only									
Protestant	Catholic	Mixed Religion Protestant/C atholic	Other	None	D\K	Refused			
1	2	3	4	5	8	7			

Q8.	Have you any other comments you would like to make about life in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area?
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End of Questionnaire

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP

Appendix 3: Tabular analysis

Socio-economic profile

Table 1.1: Age of HRP

	Number	%
16-24	6	3
25-39	28	14
40-59	70	35
60-74	44	22
75+	22	11
No response	30	15
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 1.2: Gender of HRP by Age of HRP

	16-24	25-39	40-59	60-74	75+	No response	All
Male	4	11	41	28	10	8	102
	67%	39%	59%	64%	46%	27%	51%
Female	2	17	29	16	12	6	82
	33%	61%	41%	36%	54%	20%	41%
No recogno	-	-	-	-	-	16	16
No response	-	-	-	-	-	53%	8%
Total	6	28	70	44	22	30	200
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 1.3: Age of all household members

Number	%
80	17
50	11
64	14
111	24
63	13
24	5
1	<1
77	16
470	100
	80 50 64 111 63 24 1

Base: 470 household members

Table 1.4: Employment status of HRP

	Number	%
Retired (excludes looking after home)	47	24
Working full-time	33	16
Permanent sick/disabled	30	15
Not working long-term (>1 year)	24	12
Working part-time	19	10
Looking after family/home	12	6
Not working short-term (<1 year)	7	4
Self employed	5	2
No response	23	11
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 1.5: Household type (including comparison with House Condition Survey 2009)

Household type definitions	Lurgan 2011 %	HCS 2009 %
Small Family (any two adults - related or unrelated - living with 1 or 2 dependent children < 16)	20	13
Lone Adult (lone person below pensionable age - 65 years for men, 60 years for women)	18	13
Lone Older (lone person of pensionable age - 65 years for men, 60 years for women)	15	15
Large Adult (three or more adults - related or unrelated - and no dependent children < 16)	10	12
Two Older (two people – related or unrelated - at least one of whom is of pensionable age)	9	14
Two Adults (two people – related or unrelated – below pensionable age)	7	15
Lone Parent (sole adult living with dependent child(ren) < 16)	5	8
Large Family (any two adults - related or unrelated - living with more than 2 dependent children < 16)	3	10
Not enough information supplied to classify household type	13	-

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 1.6: Annual household Income

	Number	%
Less than £5,000	25	13
£5,000 to £9,999	54	27
£10,000 to £14,999	29	14
£15,000 to £19,999	12	6
£20,000 to £24,999	10	5
£25,000 to £29,999	6	3
£30,000 or more per year	7	4
Refusal	24	12
Don't know	15	7
No response	18	9
Total	200	100

Table 1.7: Benefits

Benefits received	Household Reference Person (%)	Partner (%)
Housing Benefit	31	2
A Disability Benefit	24	19
Retirement Pension	24	22
Child Benefit	17	15
Income Support	18	2
Child Tax Credit	17	12
Pension Credit	12	2
Working Tax Credit	8	2
Incapacity Benefit	14	12
Jobseekers Allowance	7	1
Other including Carer's Allowance	4	2

Table 1.8: Does any member of your household have a disability which affects their normal day to day activities?

	Number	%
Yes	90	45
No	103	52
No response	7	3
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 1.9: How many members of your household have a disability which affects their normal day to day activities?

	Number	%
None	110	55
One	72	36
Two	16	8
Three or more	2	1
Total	90	100

Base: 90 (respondents with one or more disabled members in their household)

Table 1.10: Household religion

	Number	%
Catholic	149	75
Protestant	29	15
Mixed Catholic/Protestant	7	4
Refused	5	2
Other/No religion	5	2
No response	5	2
Total	200	100

Table 1.11: Ethnicity of HRP

	Number	%
White	179	90
Other	3	1
No response	18	9
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 1.12: Nationality of HRP

	Number	%
Irish	91	46
British	57	29
Northern Irish	31	15
Polish/Latvian	4	2
Other	2	1
No response	15	7
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Characteristics of the home and area

Table 2.1: Tenure

	Number	%
Owner Occupier	89	44
Social Housing	66	33
Rent privately	41	21
Other	4	2
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.2: Length of time living in Lurgan NRA

	Number	%
15 years or more	145	72
10 years or more but less than 15	5	3
5 years or more but less than 10	25	13
1 year or more but less than 5	23	11
Up to 1 year	2	1
Total	200	100

Table 2.3: Where did you live immediately before your present home?

	Number	%
Within this Neighbourhood Renewal Area	114	57
Outside Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area but within Craigavon Council area	26	13
Outside Craigavon Council area	26	13
Have never lived anywhere else	34	17
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.4: Tenure by length of time living in Lurgan NRA

Table 2011 Condition by Tengan or an			All		
	Social Housing	Rent privately	Owner occupier	Other/no response	
Less than 1 year	2	-	-	-	2
Less than i year	3%	-	-	-	1%
1 year or more but less than 5	7	13	3	-	23
	11%	32%	3%	-	11%
Evenue or more but less than 10	12	8	5	-	25
5 years or more but less than 10	18%	20%	6%	-	13%
10 years or more but less than 15	1	2	2	-	5
To years of more but less than 15	2%	5%	2%	-	3%
15 years or more	44	18	79	4	145
15 years or more	67%	44%	89%	100%	72%
Total	66	41	89	4	200
i Otai	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.5: Which of the following best describes your home?

	Number	%
House	152	76
Flat / apartment	30	15
Bungalow	18	9
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.6: Home security measures present

	Yes		No		
	N	%	N	%	
Window locks	103	52	92	46	
Door chain	55	28	138	69	
Security lights	51	26	142	71	
Door viewer	48	24	143	72	
Burglar Alarm	7	4	181	90	
Other (including door bolts/personal alarms and cameras	15	8	156	78	

Table 2.7: How many working smoke alarms in total do you have in your house?

	Number	%
One	69	35
Two	82	41
Three or more	41	20
None	6	3
No response	2	1
Total	200	100

Table 2.8: How many cars or other vehicles are owned or available for use, by one or more of your household?

	Number	%
One	94	47
Two	13	6
Three or more	6	3
None	86	43
No response	1	1
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.9: Where do you park your only or main vehicle?

	Number	%
On the street	70	62
On the driveway	33	30
In the garage	5	4
Back yard	1	1
Other	4	3
Total	113	100

Base: 113 (respondents with one or more vehicles available for use in the household)

Table 2.10: Do you have central heating in your home?

	Number	%
Yes – full	184	92
Yes – partial	3	2
No	13	6
Total	200	100

Table 2.11: What is your main source of heating?

,	Number	%
Oil fired with radiators	153	77
Economy 7	19	9
Mains gas	17	8
Solid fuel open fire - with radiators	4	1
Solid fuel glass fronted fire - with radiators	3	2
Electric fire – not economy 7	2	1
Solid fuel glass open fire – no radiators	1	1
Solid fuel glass fronted fire – no radiators	1	1
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.12: How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your heating system?

	Very satisfied/ Satisfied		Neither		Dissatisfied/ Very dissatisfied		No response		То	tal
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Ease of using the system	155	78	17	8	14	7	14	7	200	100
The type of heating system	153	77	19	9	22	11	6	3	200	100
The amount of heat that you can get	131	66	20	10	32	16	17	8	200	100
The control over the level of heat	126	63	23	12	38	19	13	6	200	100
The cost of running your system	58	29	26	13	107	54	9	4	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.13: In the last 12 months, have you ever been unable to adequately heat your home?

	Number	%
Yes	77	39
No	123	61
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.14: Factors in your inability to heat your home?

	Ye	es	No		
	Num	%	Num	%	
Cost of domestic fuel	60	78	17	22	
Low household income	44	57	33	43	
Money needed for other priorities	43	56	34	44	
Other factors	8	10	69	90	

Base: 77 (respondents who have been unable to adequately heat their home in the last 12 months)

Table 2.15: Specified other reasons for inability to heat home

	Number
System breaking down	4
Heat escaping & need double glazing	3
Bad weather	1
Total	8

Base: 8 (respondents who gave another reason for their inability to adequately heat their home)

Table 2.16: Have you heard of the Warm Homes Scheme (by tenure)?

	Social Housing	Rent privately	Owner- occupier	Other	All
Yes	25	14	57	2	98
	38%	34%	64%	50%	49%
No	41	27	32	2	102
	62%	66%	36%	50%	51%
Total	66	41	89	4	200
I Olai	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.17: Would you say that your home is:

	Number	%
About the right size	158	79
Too small	27	14
Too big	11	5
Don't know	4	2
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.18: Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your home?

	Number	%
Very satisfied/satisfied	153	77
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	20	10
Dissatisfied/ very dissatisfied	27	13
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 2.19: Reasons for dissatisfaction with home

	Number
Property not suitable for housing needs	12
Repairs needed	10
ASB in area, youths drinking/loitering	6
Adaptations required	3
Difficult to heat	2
No privacy	2
Would prefer NIHE property	1
Other, including: no rear garden, flooding in area, rent expensive	5
Total	42

Base: 27 (respondents who were dissatisfied with the home who gave 42 reasons)

Table 2.20: Do you intend to buy your home from the Housing Executive / Housing Association within the next 2 years?

	Number	%
Yes	3	5
No	53	80
Don't know	10	15
Total	66	100

Base: 66 (respondents who were Housing Executive or Housing Association tenants)

Table 2.21: Have you applied to the Housing Executive / Housing Association for a transfer from your present property in the last 2 years?

Number %

Yes 10 16

Total	63	100
No response	2	3
No	51	81
Yes	10	16

Base: 63 (respondents who did not – or did not know if they – intend to buy their home)

Table 2.22: Do you intend to apply for a Housing Executive / Housing Association transfer within the next 12 months?

	Number	%
Yes	1	2
No	50	98
Total	51	100

Base: 51 (respondents who did not intend to apply for a transfer)

Table 2.23: Where do you wish to transfer?

	Number
Within the local area	9
To a different area	1
No response	1
Total	11

Base: 11 (respondents who had applied for a transfer or who intend to apply within the next 12 months)

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Table 3.1: Perceptions about the local area

	agr Agr	Strongly Neither agree/ Agree a little		Neither		ree a le/ ngly gree	Don't	know	N resp	-
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
I really feel part of the community	131	66	32	16	22	11	2	1	13	6
I feel proud to come from this area	122	61	28	14	31	16	5	2	14	7
I'm embarrassed to bring people to this area	42	11	25	13	108	55	10	5	15	7

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 3.2: Would you say that, overall, this area is...

	Number	%
Not really changing	98	49
Changing for the worse	59	29
Changing for the better	42	21
No response	1	1
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 3.3: Reasons why area is changing

Changing for the bett	er		Changing for the worse	•	
	N	%		N	%
Less ASB and trouble from youths in the area	16	57	Increase in ASB/youths drinking/noise and parties and vandalism	49	83
Homes well kept and area cleaner	9	32	Increase in private rented accommodation and associated problems	15	25
Good mixed area and friendly neighbours	7	25	Lack of parking/rubbish in area/stray dogs and cats	10	17
New build and renovations have improved the area	4	14	Increase of strangers/foreigners into the area	7	12
More amenities for young people	1	4	Area becoming segregated and re- emergence of political ideals	5	8
Don't know	1	4	No longer a close-knit community	3	5
Base: 28 respondents ¹⁶ who gav	re 38 rea	asons	Lack of children's facilities	2	3
•			Lack of policing and adequate government funding	2	3
			Other, including high cost of heating, living costs and theft	4	7

Base: 59 respondents who gave 97 reasons

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A total of 42 respondents thought the area was changing for the better; however, 14 did not give any reasons why they held this view.

Table 3.4: How much of a problem are the following issues in your area? By area we mean within a 15 minute walk.

	Very big problem	Fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	No problem at all	DK	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Teenagers hanging around on streets	29	23	24	21	3	100
Rubbish or litter lying about	24	26	24	21	5	100
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	24	22	24	24	6	100
People using or dealing in drugs	21	14	20	34	11	100
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	15	17	33	27	8	100
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	8	14	26	43	9	100
Abandoned or burnt out cars	4	4	18	63	11	100

Table 3.5: How much is your own quality of life affected by fear of crime on a scale of 1 to 10.

	Number	%
1 - no effect	51	26
2	18	9
3	22	11
4	14	7
5	30	15
6	12	6
7	12	6
8	14	7
9	5	2
10 - total effect	15	8
Not stated	7	3
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 3.6: How safe do you feel walking alone in this area after dark?

	Number	%
Very safe	27	14
Fairly safe	70	35
A bit unsafe	74	37
Very unsafe	29	14
Total	200	100

Table 3.7: Why don't you feel safe walking around this area after dark?

Numbe		%
Fear of being mugged or physically attacked	28	27
Young people hanging around	24	23
Fear of being subject to or witnessing anti-social behaviour	14	14
Too old	12	12
Fear of becoming a victim of crime	7	7
Ill/sick/disabled	7	7
Fear of burglary/vandalism	3	3
Fear of receiving verbal abuse	2	2
People using or dealing drugs	2	2
Not stated	1	1
Total	103	100

Base: 103 (respondents who feel unsafe walking around the area after dark)

Table 3.8: How safe do you feel walking alone in this area during the day?

	Number	%
Very safe	108	54
Fairly safe	75	38
A bit unsafe	11	5
Very unsafe	6	3
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 3.9: Why don't you feel safe walking alone in this area during the day?

	Number
Fear of being subjected to or witnessing ASB	4
Young people hanging around	3
Ill/sick/disabled	3
Fear of being mugged or physically attacked	3
Fear of becoming a victim of crime	2
Fear of receiving verbal abuse	1
Too old	1
Total	17

Base: 17 (respondents who do not feel safe walking alone in the area during the day)

Table 3.10: How safe do you feel when you are alone in your own home at night?

	Number	%
Very safe	65	33
Fairly safe	89	44
A bit unsafe	32	16
Very unsafe	10	5
No response	4	2
Total	200	100

Neighbourhood Renewal

Table 4.1: Are you aware of any physical changes that have improved your neighbourhood in the last 12 months?

	Number	%
Yes	36	18
No	164	82
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.2: Changes to neighbourhood identified by respondents

	Number
Safety gates/rails have been fitted & planting scheme in area	11
New build & renovations and Regeneration Scheme	8
New street lights	4
New Community Centre and new football field/games area	6
Planting Scheme in area	3
Upgrading of roads/footpaths/speed calming measures & disability access	8
More police patrols in area	2
Decrease of ASB and graffiti	3
New gas line	1
Not stated	1
Total number of responses	47

Base: 36 respondents who gave 47 responses

Table 4.3: Are there any important issues in your neighbourhood that you think need to be addressed?

	Number	%
Yes	92	46
No	104	52
No response	4	2
Total	200	100

Table 4.4: Important issues that respondents think need to be addressed

	Number of responses	%
Reduce ASB i.e. drugs/alcohol/ vandalism/theft/parties/graffiti and youths loitering	67	73
Improve footpaths & roads; street cleansing; traffic controls; rear walkways and street lighting	38	41
Reduce number of stray dogs/cats	9	10
Improve rental accommodation/tenants and bring pride back to the area	7	8
Others, stops cars/quads on pavements; more employment	6	7
More social housing and demolish derelicts	6	7
More facilities for children & teenagers	5	5
More resident parking/develop town centre	5	5
More facilities for children and teenagers	5	5
More neighbourhood policing	5	5
More political/community involvement to reduce sectarianism	2	2
No Comment	2	2

Base: 92 respondents who gave 157 responses

Table 4.5: Facilities/services/activities in the area

	Aware	Those who use	
	of %	Number	%
Mother and toddler group	49	13	13
Sports Facilities	47	34	36
Youth Activities	44	19	22
Pre/extended school play group	42	16	19
Adult education classes	41	15	18
Facilities for senior citizens	36	10	14

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.6: Facilities/Services needed that are not already available

	Number	%
More youth clubs and sports facilities	19	36
More facilities for children	11	21
More educational classes & employment services	9	17
More facilities/services for the elderly	8	15
Provide facilities such as cinema; art and theatre; bingo; better swimming pool; more shops in the town centre	6	11
Facilities for disabled and single parents	5	9
Clean up area; calming measures; bus shelters and salt bins	4	8
More policing to reduce ASB	3	6
Funded pre-school and primary schools	2	4
Other including: more community groups; vetting tenants and more advertising of facilities/activities in area	4	8

Base: 53 respondents who gave 71 responses

Table 4.7: Do you know about the Neighbourhood Warden service provided by the Housing Executive?

	Number	%
Yes	23	11
No	176	88
No response	1	1
Total	200	100

Table 4.8: Have you ever used the service?

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	Number	%
Yes	6	26
No	17	74
Total	23	100

Base: 23 respondents who knew about the Neighbourhood Warden service

Table 4.9: How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the service you received?

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	Number
Very satisfied	3
Quite satisfied	2
Don't know	1
Total	6

Base: 6 respondents who had used the Neighbourhood Warden service

Table 4.10: Satisfaction with emptying of general household waste and wheelie bins

	Number	%
Satisfactory	179	89
Unsatisfactory	19	10
No response	2	1
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.11: Why is emptying of general household waste unsatisfactory?

	Number
Need emptied more often	11
Need both bins emptied weekly	3
Bin has to be taken out through house	1
Won't lift if lid not closed properly	1
Need larger bins	1
Cut down on number of collections	1
Don't know	1
Total	19

Base: 19 respondents who found the emptying of household waste to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.12: Satisfaction with emptying of recycling bins

	Number	%
Satisfactory	187	94
Unsatisfactory	10	5
No response	3	1
Total	200	100

Table 4.13: Why is emptying of recycling bins unsatisfactory?

	Number
Need emptied more often	4
Should be emptied monthly	2
Bin has to be taken out through house	1
No brown bins available	1
Won't empty because of contents	1
Don't know	1
Total	10

Base: 10 respondents who found the emptying of recycling bins to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.14: Repairing of roads and pavements

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	Number	%
Satisfactory	143	72
Unsatisfactory	51	26
No response	6	3
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.15: Why is repairing of roads and pavements unsatisfactory?

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Roads full of potholes and in poor condition	11	21
Work not done properly	7	14
Improvements take too long and constantly ongoing	7	14
Repairs never see or done and work is required	6	12
Causes disruption throughout the town	3	6
Footpaths too high/uneven and unsuitable for disabled access	3	6
Poor drainage	2	4
Tarmac not up to fence –weeds growing	1	2
Not stated	11	21
Total	51	100

Base: 51 respondents who found the repairing of roads and pavements unsatisfactory

Table 4.16: Satisfaction with street sweeping

	Number	%
Satisfactory	145	73
Unsatisfactory	50	25
No response	5	2
Total	200	100

Table 4.17: Why is street sweeping unsatisfactory?

	Number
Not done often enough	18
Never see it being done	8
Some areas are not fully covered	7
Always litter/rubbish about	5
Footpaths not swept	2
Fallen leaves not lifted	1
Dog foul everywhere	1
Too many parked cars – can't be done	1
Not stated	7
Total	50

Base: 50 respondents who had found the street sweeping service to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.18: Satisfaction with clearing of road drains

	Number	%
Satisfactory	164	82
Unsatisfactory	31	16
No response	5	2
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.19: Why is clearing of road drains unsatisfactory?

	Number
Not done/never see it done/not done often enough	11
Drains overflow in heavy rain	10
Drains smell	2
Only done when contact	1
Have to do it myself	1
Not stated	6
Total	31

Base: 31 respondents who found the clearing of road drains to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.20: Satisfaction with street lighting

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	Number	%
Satisfactory	181	91
Unsatisfactory	16	8
No response	3	1
Total	200	100

Table 4.21: Why is street lighting unsatisfactory?

	Number
Slow at carrying out repairs	6
Poor street lighting – dark in areas	4
Could be better	2
Not stated	4
Total	16

Base: 16 respondents who had found the provision of street lighting to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.22: Policing in the area

	Number	%
Satisfactory	132	66
Unsatisfactory	61	31
No response	7	3
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.23: Why is policing in the area unsatisfactory?

	Number	%
No presence – never about	24	39
No enough police patrols/presence	11	18
Afraid to come into the area/difficult to police	5	8
Don't come into area when called/slow to respond	4	7
New police force still have a long way to go	1	2
Not stated	16	26
Total	61	100

Base: 61 respondents who had found the policing service to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.24: Satisfaction with bus services

	Number	%
Satisfactory	169	85
Unsatisfactory	25	12
No response	6	3
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.25: Why are bus services unsatisfactory?

	Number
No immediate bus service in area	7
More regular service/night service	5
Not very good/poor service	4
Poor facilities for wheelchair users	1
Better advertising of timetable	1
Not stated	7
Total	25

Base: 25 respondents who had found bus services to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.26: Satisfaction with provision of bus shelters

	Number	%
Satisfactory	123	62
Unsatisfactory	72	36
No response	5	2
Total	200	100

Table 4.27: Why is the provision of bus shelters unsatisfactory?

	Number	%
None in the area	36	50
Only one in area/not enough	16	22
Attracts ABS	4	6
Don't use	2	3
Not stated	14	19
Total	72	100

Base: 72 respondents who had found the provision of bus shelters to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.28: Satisfaction with maintenance of open green spaces

	Number	%
Satisfactory	171	86
Unsatisfactory	20	10
No response	9	4
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.29: Why is the maintenance of open green spaces unsatisfactory?

	Number
Litter/grass cuttings left	5
Some areas are not well maintained/poor	6
Areas are not done	1
Dog foul on green areas	2
Needs to be done more regularly	1
Not stated	5
Total	20

Base: 20 respondents who had found the maintenance of open green spaces to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.30: Satisfaction with weeding of footpaths and alleyways

	Number	%
Satisfactory	117	59
Unsatisfactory	77	38
No response	6	3
Total	200	100

Table 4.31: Why is the weeding of footpaths and alleyways unsatisfactory?

	Number	%
Weeding not done often enough	18	23
Could be done better/not done/poor	16	21
Have never seen it done	9	12
Lot of weeds/hard to control/overgrown	8	10
Alleyways/footpaths not done	3	4
Residents have to do it themselves	3	4
Not stated/don't know	20	26
Total	77	100

Base: 77 respondents who had found the weeding of footpaths and alleyways to be unsatisfactory

Table 4.32: Does your area have a community/residents' association?

	Number	%		
Yes	55	28		
No	41	20		
Don't know	104	52		
Total	200	100		

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.33: Can you state the name of your local community/residents' association?

	Number
Shankill & Wakehurst Residents Association	11
Taghnevan	11
Mourneview Community Centre	5
Kilwilkie Tenant Association	3
North Lurgan Community Centre	3
Victoria Street Residents Association	2
Templar Court Residents Association	1
St. Paul's Residents Association	1
Drumnamoe	1
Clan	1
Not stated	10
Don't know	6
Total	55

Base: 55 (respondents whose area has a community/residents' association)

Table 4.34: Do you feel the local community/residents' association is representative of the local community as a whole?

	Number	%	
Yes	41	75	
No	4	7	
Don't know	10	18	
Total	55	100	

Base: 55 (respondents whose area has a community/residents association)

Table 4.35: Why do you feel the local community/resident association is not representative of the local community as a whole?

	Number
Some areas not included	3
Don't know any members	1
Total	4

Base: 4 (respondents who feel the community group is not representative of the local community)

Table 4.36: Would you consider joining a local community/residents' association?

	Number	%		
Yes	31	15		
No	112	56		
Don't know	55	28		
Already a member	2	1		
	200	100		

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.37: Were you aware that your household lies within the Lurgan NRA?

	Number	%
Yes	34	17
No	166	83
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 4.38: Did you contribute to the consultation process for the development of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan?

	Number	%
Yes	4	12
No	22	65
Don't know	8	23
Total	34	100

Base: 34 (respondents who were aware their household lies within the Lurgan NRA)

Table 4.39: Level of involvement

Table 4.39. Level of involvement			
	Number		
Through membership of a community group	1		
Full contribution	1		
Not stated	2		
Total	4		

Base: 4 (respondents who contributed to the consultation process)

Table 4.40: Please tell us your main reason why you did not contribute to the consultation process?

	Number
Didn't know about it	7
I wasn't asked	3
Not stated	10
Not interested	2
Total	22

Base: 22 (respondents who did not contribute to the consultation process)

Education

Table 5.1: To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements relating to education?

		y agree/ a little	Neither		Disagree a little/strongly disagree		Don't know	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Staying at school is important if you want to get a good job	167	84	12	6	11	5	10	5
Children at school in Northern Ireland get a good education	163	82	10	5	15	7	12	6
I enjoyed my time at school	133	67	14	7	28	19	15	7

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 5.2: Are you (or is your partner) the parent or legal guardian of any children between the ages of 4 and 18 who are at school

	Number	%
Yes	48	24
No	152	76
Total	200	100

Base: 200 (all respondents)

Table 5.3: What year is your child (or if more than one child, your eldest child) in at school?

	Number	%
Year 1 (P1)	22	46
Year 2 (P2)	6	12
Year 4 (P4)	1	2
Year 5 (P5)	1	2
Year 8 (Form 1)	3	6
Year 9 (Form 2)	4	8
Year 11 (Form 4)	1	2
Year 12 (Form 5)	6	13
Year 13 (Lower sixth)	2	4
Year 14 (Upper sixth)	2	4
Total	48	100

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.4: Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly agree/ Agree a little		Neither		Disagree a little/ Strongly disagree	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
My child's school is a good school	48	100	-	ı	-	-
My child's school is well led and well managed	46	96	-	1	2	4
My child's school gives me clear information on how my child is getting on	43	90	4	8	1	2
I find my child's school welcoming to parents	43	90	2	4	3	6

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.5: I am now going to read out a list of responsibilities parents have told the Department of Education about. For each one can you tell me how important it is to you?

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	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Making sure your child attends school regularly and on time.	42	88	5	10	1	2	1	1	1	-
Helping your child with schoolwork	17	35	31	65	-		-	-	-	-

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.6: Sometimes parents take their child out of school during term time, for example, on a family break or holiday. Would you consider doing this yourself?

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	Number	%		
Yes	29	60		
No	19	40		
Total	48	100		

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.7: How involved do you personally feel in your child's school life?

	Number	%
Very involved	43	90
Fairly involved	5	10
Total	48	100

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.8: Do you go to parent-teacher meetings?

	Number	%
Yes	42	88
No	6	12
Total	48	100

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.9: Involvement in local schools

	Ye	es	N	0
	Num	%	Num	%
Help out with the dinner duties/school trips and so on	5	10	43	90
Help out with school clubs	3	6	45	94
Help out in the classroom	3	6	45	94
Involved with Parent/Teacher Association	2	4	46	96

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.10: How often do you help your child with their homework?

	Lur	NIOS 2010	
	Number	%	%
Every time	21	44	34
Most times	8	17	25
When the child/children ask for help	8	17	30
Occasionally	7	15	1
Never	1	2	6
Doesn't get homework	1	2	3
Depends what it is	-	-	1
Not stated	2	4	-
Total	48	100	100

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children (Lurgan NRS only)

Table 5.11: How confident do you/would you feel helping your child with their homework?

	Lur	Lurgan		
	Number	%	%	
Confident most of the time	17	36	36	
Always confident	11	23	36	
Confident some of the time	14	29	19	
Never confident	1	2	5	
Depends what it is	3	6	3	
Not stated	2	4	-	
Total	48	100	100	

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children (Lurgan NRS only)

Table 5.12: Do you have any children in the household in Year 1 to Year 7?

	Number	%
Yes	30	62
No	18	38
Total	48	100

Base: 48 respondents with school-age children

Table 5.13: What year is your child (eldest primary school child if more than one in the household) in at school?

	Number
Year 1	5
Year 2	2
Year 3	-
Year 4	4
Year 5	3
Year 6	3
Year 7	12
Total	30

Base: 30 respondents with children in primary school

Table 5.14: Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Number		
	Strongly agree/agree a little	Neither	Disagree a little/strongly disagree
My child's school puts enough emphasis on reading and writing skills	29	1	-
My child's school puts enough emphasis on basic numeracy skills/sums	26	1	3

Base: 30 respondents with children in primary school

Table 5.15: Have you ever worked in a school?

	Number	%
Yes	90	45
No	103	52
No response	7	3
Total	200	100

Appendix 4: Map of Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area

