In 2019 we carried out a survey to help us better understand the accommodation needs of the Irish Traveller community in Northern Ireland. Download the report here: www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Research/Housing-need-research

**MID & EAST ANTRIM / ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBHY**

“We were delighted with the level of participation in this research; the findings provide valuable evidence that will inform our new Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy 2020-25.” Elma Newberry, Assistant Director, Land and Regeneration

**HOUSEHOLD PROFILES**

- Households surveyed: 39
- Numbers in households: 114
- Households with one or more members disabled: 74%

**EMPLOYMENT**

- In work: 8%
- Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers): 15%
- In further/higher education (excluding school aged): 5%
- Plan to travel in next 3 years: 3%

- 10 households say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

- % Household size
  - 1: 0%
  - 2-3: 50%
  - 4-5: 50%
  - 6-7: 0%
  - 8+: 0%

- Accommodation type %
  - Grouped accommodation: 0%
  - Social housing: 50%
  - Unauthorised site: 100%
  - Privately rented: 0%

- Internet access (multi answers)
  - 3% Outside the home
  - 51% Home access
  - 36% Smartphone
  - 28% Don’t access

**HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA**

- Satisfaction with accommodation/site: Satisfied (64%), Neither (5%), Dissatisfied (31%)
- Reported feelings of safety in local area: Safe (90%), Neither (0%), Unsafe (10%)
- Informed about welfare reform: Well informed (21%), Neither (59%), Poorly informed (21%)
- Reported concerns about welfare reforms: Not concerned (72%), Some concern (23%), Very concerned (5%)

**WHAT IS GOING WELL**

“I’m very proud of my home, it’s where I belong and my family are all around me… My neighbours are very good… It’s my home and I wouldn’t swap it… Near schools… It’s a good location and I live beside my family… We like the site, clean and safe.

**ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

“I’m in a wheelchair and I have stairs… We’re overcrowded.

Due to figures being rounded to the nearest whole number percentages may not always add to 100