

Remuneration of Defence Representation in the Crown Court Draft Impact Assessment Consultative Document

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this document is to seek the views of consultees on the impact of the proposed draft Legal Aid for Crown Court Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2010 (the 2010 Rules). The document accompanies the consultation on the draft Rules and is designed to help consultees assess the impact of the policy. The document provides an overview of the purpose and content of the proposed draft legislation.

1.2 Impact assessments are a basic component of best practice in policy making and form a sound basis on which to review existing policy. The Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service (NICTS) has carried out a review of the Legal Aid for Crown Court Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005¹ (the 2005 Rules), and is consulting on substantial amendments to those Rules. This impact assessment, which follows the guidance included in OFMDFM's policy toolkit, has looked at the full range of impact assessments which may be required. The guidance has also provided the NICTS with a structured approach to making this policy. Copies of the screening and assessment forms will be available on www.courtsni.gov.uk in the week commencing 27 September 2010.

2.0 Current Legislation

2.1 The 2005 Rules provide for the remuneration of solicitors and counsel working on legally aided Crown Court cases. They do so by providing for remuneration based on a range of standard fees with the exception of cases certified as being 'very high cost cases' (VHCCs). In VHCC cases, solicitors' and counsels' remuneration includes payment for preparatory work on the basis of hourly rates.

¹ <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2005/20050112.htm>

3.0 Background

3.1 The NICTS commenced a formal review of the 2005 Rules at the beginning of April 2007. The review was conducted in two parts, looking at VHCCs and the standard fees elements of the rules, separately.

3.2 In terms of VHCCs, the review resulted in the NICTS making amendment rules that came into effect in September 2009, the Legal Aid for Crown Court Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009² that reduced the hourly rates payable for VHCC work to the rates applicable in England and Wales.

3.3 At the same time, the NICTS launched a consultation exercise on a proposal to replace the standard fee element of the 2005 Rules with graduated fee schemes (GFSs) similar to those currently being operated in England and Wales. Again, the thinking behind the proposal was to contain costs and achieve parity with England and Wales for work of a broadly analogous nature.

3.4 The Law Society and the Bar Council have expressed opposition to the new lower rates of remuneration for VHCCs and the (potential) introduction of the Graduated Fee Schemes (GFSs) in Northern Ireland. They argue that there are differences between the two jurisdictions that mean these changes would not provide fair remuneration for work in the Crown Court. In these circumstances, they believe that it would be more appropriate to create a bespoke scheme for Northern Ireland based principally on the standard fee structure of the 2005 Rules.

3.5 In light of this, the NICTS entered into a dialogue with the Law Society and the Bar in an attempt to agree a new scheme. Whilst reaching agreement has not so far been possible, the dialogue has resulted in the development of a new scheme which is the basis of the present consultation. Accordingly, the NICTS has decided to await the outcome of this consultation and not to proceed with its GFSs proposal at this time.

² http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2009/nisr_20090267_en_1

4.0 Overview of Proposal

4.1 The proposed amendment rules retain the structure of the 2005 Rules but there are two proposed substantive amendments. The first is a reduction in the standard fees payable to solicitors and counsel of 30% and 20% respectively. The second is the removal of all provisions for enhancements to fees associated with the difficulty of the case. There is no longer a separate category for VHCCs. To replace this, the new scheme includes an extension of the tables of standard fees to cover trials lasting beyond 25 days and up to and including 80 days.

4.2 It is also proposed to modify “GP2” Fees. A “GP2” fee is payable where an assisted person pleads guilty after the first arraignment but before the end of the first full day of trial and the trial did not proceed further. The proposal is to modify these fees by adding an element referring to the number of pages of prosecution evidence (PPE). It is recognised that there will be a limited number of cases where the PPE would render the current structure of “GP2” Fees inappropriate and it is proposed to make provision for this. It is proposed that there will be three specified page ranges for each class of offence.

4.3 The primary aim of the proposed amendments is to reduce overall legal aid expenditure to £79m by 2013/14. The further aim is to bring more control and predictability to the legal aid budget.

5.0 Screening the Policy

5.1 This impact assessment covers the following areas:

SOCIAL

- Health
- Crime
- Community Safety & Victims
- Equality
- Human Rights
- Rural
- Social Inclusion

ECONOMIC

- Economic Appraisal
- Economic Impact assessment
- Regulatory Impact Assessment
- Legal Aid Impact
- State Aid Compliance Assessment

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Environmental Assessment
- Strategic Environmental Assessment

5.2 The NICTS has screened the policy for all impacts as identified in Government guidelines. There are some areas where the NICTS considers it appropriate to make comment and these are included in the body of this document below. Those areas for which comment is considered unnecessary are included in **Appendix A**.

6.0 Social Impacts

Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The NICTS considers that it has insufficient evidence on which to establish whether there may be significant implications for equality of opportunity in relation to the Section 75 categories in the Northern Ireland Act 1998. Consequently, the NICTS has decided to run a full Equality Impact consultation in parallel with the substantive consultation on the proposed new Rules.

Human Rights Impact Assessment

6.2 Article 6(3)(c) of Schedule 1 to the Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA) provides that everyone charged with a criminal offence has the right to defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing or, if he does not have sufficient means to pay for legal assistance, to be given it free when the interests of justice so require. The NICTS does not believe that the reduction in fees will affect this right. Other EU countries provide less favourable remuneration schemes but are ECHR compliant. The proposed

Northern Ireland schemes are more generous than any other country in EU. In England and Wales fees have been reduced from rates that were already lower than in Northern Ireland but these reductions have not so far been challenged on the basis that the rights of anyone charged with a criminal offence were being compromised.

6.3 In terms of the 2010 Rules, it could be argued that the proposed draft rules with their reliance on standard fees could act as a disincentive to carrying out time consuming work that may be in the best interests of clients and make it impossible to secure representation in large or complex cases. The NICTS does not accept these arguments, however. In general, the NICTS believes that the rates set out in the draft rules represent fair remuneration in the current economic climate. In respect of very large cases, the draft rules make provision for exceptional funding to be approved by the Minister of Justice in trials lasting over 80 days.

6.4 In conclusion, the NICTS considers that the draft rules will not have an effect on a defendant's human rights. The NICTS would welcome the views from interested parties on potential human rights issues associated with the draft 2010 Rules.

Rural Impact Assessment

6.5 Rural proofing is recognised as a key element in policy development and evaluation. The rural proofing exercise allows policies to be assessed at design, development and review stages for their impact on rural communities.

6.6 The NICTS believes that the draft Rules have the potential to have an impact on firms of solicitors providing legal assistance to legally aided defendants in the Crown court in rural areas. To assess the impact the NICTS has analysed information on payments for Crown Court legal aid work that were made to solicitors in 2008/09 across Northern Ireland. This information is set out in **Appendix B**. There is no generally accepted definition of 'rural' but for the purposes of this exercise the NICTS is treating all areas other than Belfast and Londonderry as 'rural'.

6.7 The information shows that Crown Court legal aid payments to the 177 firms of solicitors throughout Northern Ireland (excluding Belfast and Londonderry) range from£38.25 to£362,499.84. Of the 177 firms, 2 firms received payments amounting to more than£250k. A further 15 firms received payments of between£100k and£250k. The remaining 160 firms (90%) received payments of less than£100k with 116 firms (66%) receiving payments of less than£20k. The level of income from legal aid is in contrast to

the firms in Belfast and Londonderry, where Crown Court legal aid payments for the same period for eight firms ranged from over£250k to over£1m.

6.8 For the purpose of considering the impact on rural firms, the NICT believes that it is appropriate to consider the impact on firms that fall into three categories:

(a) less than£20k;

(b) between£20k and less than 100k; and

(c)£100k and above.

Firms earning less than£20k

6.9 Under the draft Rules, a firm of solicitors receiving the maximum of£20k in respect of Crown Court legal aid payments would have that amount reduced by£6k. More than half the firms which fall into this category have received less than£10k and consequently the reduction in payments for these firms would be less. The NICTS is not aware of what other business these firms transact and, therefore, it is not possible to assess fully the impact that such a reduction would have on their viability. However, the NICTS experience suggests that rural legal firms tend to be generalist, and providing a comprehensive range of legal services. Consequently, the NICTS considers that a reduction in Crown Court fee income of this order is unlikely to have a significant impact on the viability of firms in this category.

Firms earning£20k or more but less than£100k

6.10 Reductions within this category range from£6k for those receiving£20k in payments to£30k for those receiving£100k in payments. Thirty-one of the 43 firms falling into this category receive less than£60k in payments so the majority of firms would experience a reduction of less than£18k. A reduction of this order would have some impact on these firms. Again, the NICTS does not hold information about what other business these firms might transact, therefore it is not possible to assess fully the impact that such a reduction would have on their viability.

Firms earning£100k and above

6.11 Reductions within this category have the potential to be significant as they will range from£30k upwards. Two firms have received payments of between£350k and£400k and a further 15 have received payments of between£150k and£250k. The NICTS is not aware of any firms outside Belfast that specialise primarily in Crown Court business and consequently the impact may be less significant if the reduction is assessed against the totality of the business transacted. The NICTS believes that in the current economic climate where the government is imposing cuts in public spending it is not unreasonable to expect these firms to absorb some reduction in government funding. It would appear from the size of the earnings that these firms have a relatively high volume of Crown Court business and the NICTS considers that they should be better placed to achieve savings through economies of scale.

6.12 The NICTS acknowledges that these initial conclusions have been reached on the basis of the limited information available. Accordingly it would particularly welcome comments and further information from interested parties which will further inform our thinking in this respect.

7.0 Economic Impacts

7.1 The NICTS considers that the proposals are likely to have little impact on the economy on the basis that the reduction in fees is negligible in the overall scale of the economy and other cuts being made by government.

Regulatory impact assessment

7.2 The proposals do not impose any restriction on businesses. They merely reduce the rates of payments to the legal profession by the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission (the Commission). Consequently a Regulatory Impact assessment is not required.

Costs and Benefits

7.3 This proposal is part of a programme of legal aid reform with one of the main aim being to reduce legal aid expenditure to£79m by 2013/14.

7.4 The NICTS is satisfied that the proposal is capable of providing the level of savings identified. And while it is clear that the proposal represents changes that are necessary to generate the level of savings required at this time, further changes may be necessary as a result of Assembly intervention.

Benefits

7.5 The NICTS is forecasting savings of £16m by 2013/14 on foot of these proposals, £3.5m in respect of standard fees and £12.5m in respect of VHCCs. There are also some less quantifiable benefits arising from the proposals that will benefit both the Commission and legal representatives.

7.6 The IT system that the Commission has in place will require minimal changes to facilitate the operation of the amended schemes. In addition, cases that are presently remunerated as VHCCs will in future be remunerated (mainly) as standard fee cases and the calculation of the fees payable will be an administrative function not requiring assessment by the Taxing Master. This should lead to a reduction in delay in the payment of fees to legal representatives.

7.7 Like the Commission many legal representatives will have in place systems geared towards making claims under the 2005 Rules and the proposals will necessitate only minor changes to those systems.

Implementation Costs

7.8 There are no major investment costs associated with these proposals. The Commission will incur some costs in implementing minor changes to its IT system but the amount is unlikely to exceed £25k. There are no other discernable costs.

Costs to Service Providers

7.9 There are no major investment costs associated with these proposals. Members of the legal profession may incur some costs in implementing minor changes to their systems but these are likely to be minimal. Providers will all experience some reduction in income from legally aided Crown Court business but for most firms of solicitors this impact will be manageable. Crown Court legal aid payments to all firms of solicitors for 2008/09 are set out at **Appendix B**.

7.10 An analysis of the payments indicates that there are 287 firms of solicitors who transacted Crown Court business during the financial year 2008/09.

7.11 Out of the 287 firms, 176 of these firms of solicitors (61%) received less than£20k in Crown Court payments with most of them falling into the lower end of this category. Under the draft Rules some of these firms could experience a reduction of up to£6k but for many of them it will be much less. The NICTS believes a reduction of that order is unlikely to have significant impact on any firm.

7.12 The analysis shows that 68 (24%) received between£20k and£100k in Crown Court payments. Under the draft Rules these firms could experience a reduction in Crown Court fee payments of between£6k and£30k, but again as most firms fall into the lower end of this category for most the reduction is likely to be£20k or less. The NICTS is not aware of what other business such firms transact and, therefore, it is not possible to assess fully the impact that such a reduction would have on their viability.

7.13 Of the remaining 42 firms (15%), 41 firms received payments of between£250k and£450K with a further firm receiving over£1m. The NICTS believes that in the current economic climate where the government is imposing cuts in public spending, it is not unreasonable to expect businesses to absorb some reduction in government fund. In addition, these figures represent remuneration for a large number of transactions and the NICTS considers that they should be better placed to achieve savings through economies of scale.

7.14 The NICTS acknowledges that these initial conclusions have been reached on the basis of the limited information available. Accordingly it would particularly welcome comments and further information from interested parties which will inform final conclusions.

Small Firms' Impact Test

7.15 The Small Firms Impact Test becomes a mandatory part of the Impact Assessment process when a proposal imposes or reduces costs on business. These proposals do neither. The proposals merely reduce the rates of fees for Crown Court business, but with more than 60% of solicitors firms receiving less than£20k in Crown Court payments it is considered unlikely that the proposals will have a significant impact on these firms.

Equity and Fairness

7.16 The proposals have no regulatory impact on businesses.

Competition Assessment

7.17 The proposals will have no effect on competition.

Enforcement and Sanctions

7.18 There are no enforcement issues.

8.0 Environmental Impact Assessment

8.1 There are no environmental impacts.

9.0 Consultation Questions

9.1 The NICTS is eager to obtain the views of as many consultees as possible on the impacts of this policy.

9.2 Consultation questions on the proposed policy;

1. Has the NICTS correctly identified and assessed the possible impacts of the proposals?
2. Has the NICTS correctly identified and assessed the potential mitigations and alternatives to those impacts?
3. Are you aware of any other data which you wish to draw to our attention?
4. Is there anything else you wish to add in relation to the impact assessments?

Appendix A – Impact Table

IMPACT ON	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT(S)	COMMENTARY
EQUALITY IMPACT	Yes	A full consultation on Equality Impact accompanies this document.
REGULATORY IMPACT	No	The Draft Rules would have no adverse impact on small/ medium sized enterprises.
HEALTH	No	The Draft Rules should have no impact on the general health of the population.
CRIME IMPACT	No	The Draft Rules should have no impact on crime.
RURAL IMPACT	No	The Draft Rules should have no effect on the rural communities.
COMMUNITY SAFETY	No	The Draft Rules should have no impact on Community Safety.
HUMAN RIGHTS	No	The Draft Rules should have no adverse impact on Human Rights.
VICTIMS	No	The Draft Rules should have no impact on Victims.
PUBLIC EXPENDITURE/SERVICE	No	The Draft Rules should have no impact as costs will not fall to any businesses.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	No	The Draft Rules would have no adverse impact on The Strategic Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.
STATE AID COMPLIANCE	No	The Draft Rules will have no impact

Appendix B – Crown Court Receipts

CROWN COURT				
AREA TOTALS	CITY/TOWN³	NO OF TRANSACTIONS	GROSS	AVERAGE COST PER FIRM
	ANTRIM	13	£29,103.63	£2,238.74
	ANTRIM	6	£29,804.10	£4,967.35
	ANTRIM	4	£12,629.79	£3,157.45
	ANTRIM	4	£8,242.39	£2,060.60
	ANTRIM	4	£5,661.15	£1,415.29
Totals	5	31	£85,441.06	£2,756.16
	ARMAGH	18	£81,815.94	£4,545.33
	ARMAGH	12	£50,897.02	£4,241.42
	ARMAGH	8	£31,713.08	£3,964.14
	ARMAGH	4	£34,007.74	£8,501.94

³ Each line in table represents payments made to a single (unidentified) firm of solicitors in the town concerned

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	ARMAGH	2	£4,110.17	£2,055.09
	ARMAGH	1	£3,488.72	£3,488.72
	ARMAGH	1	£2,870.38	£2,870.38
	ARMAGH	1	£2,297.08	£2,297.08
Totals	8	47	£211,200.13	£4,493.62
	BALLYCASTLE	2	£6,878.97	£3,439.49
	BALLYCASTLE	2	£3,809.48	£1,904.74
	BALLYCASTLE	1	£1,534.97	£1,534.97
Totals	3	5	£12,223.42	£2,444.68
	BALLYCLARE	5	£32,034.17	£6,406.83
Totals	1	5	£32,034.00	£6,406.80
	BALLYMENA	23	£92,174.08	£4,007.57
	BALLYMENA	20	£52,533.42	£2,626.67
	BALLYMENA	13	£28,820.56	£2,216.97

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	BALLYMENA	7	£16,536.37	£2,362.34
	BALLYMENA	6	£17,325.84	£2,887.64
	BALLYMENA	3	£13,314.91	£4,438.30
	BALLYMENA	2	£12,152.75	£6,076.38
	BALLYMENA	2	£7,199.91	£3,599.96
	BALLYMENA	2	£6,689.94	£3,344.97
	BALLYMENA	2	£6,179.97	£3,089.99
	BALLYMENA	1	£2,242.72	£2,242.72
Totals	11	81	£255,170.47	£3,150.25
	BALLYMONEY	4	£9,385.59	£2,346.40
Totals	1	4	£9,386.00	£2,346.50
	BALLYNAHINCH	18	£52,806.57	£2,933.70
Totals	1	18	£52,807.00	£2,933.72
	BANBRIDGE	6	£50,667.81	£8,444.64

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	BANBRIDGE	5	£7,693.66	£1,538.73
	BANBRIDGE	4	£6,948.16	£1,737.04
	BANBRIDGE	2	£2,058.82	£1,029.41
	BANBRIDGE	2	£7,303.58	£3,651.79
	BANBRIDGE	1	£8,379.53	£8,379.53
Totals	6	20	£83,051.56	£4,152.58
	BANGOR	37	£362,499.84	£9,797.29
	BANGOR	9	£22,091.83	£2,454.65
	BANGOR	3	£8,724.06	£2,908.02
	BANGOR	2	£5,358.44	£2,679.22
	BANGOR	1	£5,702.91	£5,702.91
Totals	5	52	£404,377.08	£7,776.48
	BELFAST	184	£1,297,753.03	£7,053.01
	BELFAST	122	£412,201.85	£3,378.70
	BELFAST	92	£347,175.14	£3,773.64

NORTHERN IRELAND COURTS AND TRIBUNALS SERVICE

	BELFAST	87	£267,427.00	£3,073.87
	BELFAST	85	£439,805.38	£5,174.18
	BELFAST	79	£236,954.99	£2,999.43
	BELFAST	71	£204,506.89	£2,880.38
	BELFAST	58	£131,131.31	£2,260.88
	BELFAST	43	£125,816.83	£2,925.97
	BELFAST	42	£369,006.45	£8,785.87
	BELFAST	36	£159,176.37	£4,421.57
	BELFAST	35	£174,757.88	£4,993.08
	BELFAST	35	£104,852.32	£2,995.78
	BELFAST	34	£120,456.18	£3,542.83
	BELFAST	31	£173,760.35	£5,605.17
	BELFAST	30	£151,263.42	£5,042.11
	BELFAST	30	£150,963.74	£5,032.12
	BELFAST	30	£102,843.23	£3,428.11
	BELFAST	30	£83,577.43	£2,785.91
	BELFAST	29	£50,310.60	£1,734.85

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	BELFAST	28	£110,005.33	£3,928.76
	BELFAST	24	£54,048.74	£2,252.03
	BELFAST	22	£78,776.97	£3,580.77
	BELFAST	18	£31,198.70	£1,733.26
	BELFAST	17	£75,014.25	£4,412.60
	BELFAST	17	£52,509.95	£3,088.82
	BELFAST	14	£98,600.32	£7,042.88
	BELFAST	13	£41,809.68	£3,216.13
	BELFAST	12	£53,871.64	£4,489.30
	BELFAST	12	£49,288.13	£4,107.34
	BELFAST	12	£32,578.93	£2,714.91
	BELFAST	12	£20,245.53	£1,687.13
	BELFAST	10	£36,196.87	£3,619.69
	BELFAST	9	£15,685.41	£1,742.82
	BELFAST	8	£94,704.87	£11,838.11
	BELFAST	8	£82,031.71	£10,253.96
	BELFAST	8	£39,081.75	£4,885.22

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	BELFAST	8	£33,898.55	£4,237.32
	BELFAST	7	£15,170.56	£2,167.22
	BELFAST	7	£9,319.73	£1,331.39
	BELFAST	5	£20,957.46	£4,191.49
	BELFAST	5	£11,678.48	£2,335.70
	BELFAST	5	£10,292.06	£2,058.41
	BELFAST	5	£8,567.41	£1,713.48
	BELFAST	4	£8,392.47	£2,098.12
	BELFAST	3	£15,602.48	£5,200.83
	BELFAST	3	£15,264.28	£5,088.09
	BELFAST	3	£9,994.49	£3,331.50
	BELFAST	3	£7,689.67	£2,563.22
	BELFAST	3	£7,392.18	£2,464.06
	BELFAST	3	£7,263.72	£2,421.24
	BELFAST	3	£7,132.19	£2,377.40
	BELFAST	3	£3,652.00	£1,217.33
	BELFAST	3	£3,328.13	£1,109.38

NORTHERN IRELAND COURTS AND TRIBUNALS SERVICE

	BELFAST	2	£32,091.33	£16,045.67
	BELFAST	2	£17,609.02	£8,804.51
	BELFAST	2	£11,764.68	£5,882.34
	BELFAST	2	£7,363.25	£3,681.63
	BELFAST	2	£5,835.40	£2,917.70
	BELFAST	2	£5,331.57	£2,665.79
	BELFAST	2	£4,905.14	£2,452.57
	BELFAST	2	£3,448.33	£1,724.17
	BELFAST	2	£2,609.67	£1,304.84
	BELFAST	1	£10,328.25	£10,328.25
	BELFAST	1	£10,144.95	£10,144.95
	BELFAST	1	£9,059.25	£9,059.25
	BELFAST	1	£7,476.94	£7,476.94
	BELFAST	1	£6,110.98	£6,110.98
	BELFAST	1	£6,039.50	£6,039.50
	BELFAST	1	£5,531.50	£5,531.50
	BELFAST	1	£5,501.82	£5,501.82

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	BELFAST	1	£5,170.65	£5,170.65
	BELFAST	1	£4,914.09	£4,914.09
	BELFAST	1	£4,553.67	£4,553.67
	BELFAST	1	£3,376.22	£3,376.22
	BELFAST	1	£2,827.23	£2,827.23
	BELFAST	1	£2,714.00	£2,714.00
	BELFAST	1	£2,648.29	£2,648.29
	BELFAST	1	£2,549.75	£2,549.75
	BELFAST	1	£2,515.46	£2,515.46
	BELFAST	1	£2,415.99	£2,415.99
	BELFAST	1	£2,310.29	£2,310.29
	BELFAST	1	£2,132.06	£2,132.06
	BELFAST	1	£1,750.57	£1,750.57
	BELFAST	1	£1,545.95	£1,545.95
	BELFAST	1	£1,268.00	£1,268.00
	BELFAST	1	£1,129.09	£1,129.09
	BELFAST	1	£594.17	£594.17

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	BELFAST	1	£295.60	£295.60
	BELFAST	1	£225.75	£225.75
Totals	90	1545	£6,461,073.44	£4,181.92
	CARRICKFERGUS	3	£27,834.05	£9,278.02
	CARRICKFERGUS	1	£3,337.00	£3,337.00
Totals	2	4	£31,171.05	£7,792.76
	CASTLEWELLAN	5	£25,361.52	£5,072.30
Totals	1	5	£25,362.00	£5,072.40
	COALISLAND	1	£881.25	£881.25
Totals	1	1	£881.00	£881.00
	COLERAINE	14	£48,522.77	£3,465.91
	COLERAINE	5	£23,465.68	£4,693.14
	COLERAINE	5	£10,342.96	£2,068.59

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	COLERAINE	4	£6,013.99	£1,503.50
	COLERAINE	3	£8,456.68	£2,818.89
	COLERAINE	2	£6,852.13	£3,426.07
	COLERAINE	2	£5,376.24	£2,688.12
Totals	7	35	£109,030.45	£3,115.16
	COOKSTOWN	30	£77,382.99	£2,579.43
	COOKSTOWN	4	£11,797.81	£2,949.45
	COOKSTOWN	1	£2,496.76	£2,496.76
	COOKSTOWN	1	£2,382.64	£2,382.64
	COOKSTOWN	1	£151.32	£151.32
Totals	5	37	£94,211.52	£2,546.26
	CRAIGAVON	13	£56,755.33	£4,365.79
	CRAIGAVON	10	£46,266.94	£4,626.69
	CRAIGAVON	10	£35,304.22	£3,530.42
	CRAIGAVON	4	£7,885.76	£1,971.44

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	CRAIGAVON	2	£3,113.04	£1,556.52
	CRAIGAVON	1	£1,639.76	£1,639.76
Totals	6	40	£150,965.05	£3,774.13
	DOWNPATRICK	87	£211,239.38	£2,428.04
	DOWNPATRICK	5	£13,100.99	£2,620.20
	DOWNPATRICK	4	£32,182.03	£8,045.51
	DOWNPATRICK	3	£15,019.99	£5,006.66
Totals	4	99	£271,542.39	£2,742.85
	DROMORE	3	£4,569.47	£1,523.16
Totals	1	3	£4,569.00	£1,523.00
	DUNDONALD	4	£10,812.95	£2,703.24
Totals	1	4	£10,813.00	£2,703.25
	DUNGANNON	24	£76,889.61	£3,203.73

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	DUNGANNON	16	£101,674.61	£6,354.66
	DUNGANNON	10	£22,779.66	£2,277.97
	DUNGANNON	9	£12,185.67	£1,353.96
	DUNGANNON	6	£102,989.13	£17,164.86
	DUNGANNON	3	£5,698.64	£1,899.55
	DUNGANNON	3	£5,379.95	£1,793.32
	DUNGANNON	2	£7,360.86	£3,680.43
	DUNGANNON	2	£3,385.25	£1,692.63
	DUNGANNON	1	£2,165.80	£2,165.80
	DUNGANNON	1	£1,785.55	£1,785.55
	DUNGANNON	1	£1,573.35	£1,573.35
Totals	12	78	£343,868.08	£4,408.57
	ENNISKILLEN	31	£147,103.38	£4,745.27
	ENNISKILLEN	12	£114,813.19	£9,567.77
	ENNISKILLEN	11	£63,599.06	£5,781.73
	ENNISKILLEN	9	£33,796.22	£3,755.14

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	ENNISKILLEN	4	£37,405.51	£9,351.38
	ENNISKILLEN	3	£16,340.52	£5,446.84
Totals	6	70	£413,057.88	£5,900.83
	GLENGORMLEY	2	£1,952.26	£976.13
Totals	1	2	£1,952.00	£976.00
	HOLYWOOD	15	£73,700.27	£4,913.35
	HOLYWOOD	2	£6,371.75	£3,185.88
Totals	2	17	£80,072.02	£4,710.12
	IRVINESTOWN	4	£7,855.46	£1,963.87
Totals	1	4	£7,855.00	£1,963.75
	KILKEEL	5	£10,277.39	£2,055.48
	KILKEEL	4	£15,189.43	£3,797.36
	KILKEEL	1	£436.27	£436.27

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Totals	3	10	£25,903.09	£2,590.31
	LARNE	4	£16,313.85	£4,078.46
	LARNE	1	£1,033.17	£1,033.17
Totals	2	5	£17,347.02	£3,469.40
	LIMAVADY	43	£114,665.02	£2,666.63
	LIMAVADY	10	£25,639.02	£2,563.90
	LIMAVADY	4	£12,182.62	£3,045.66
	LIMAVADY	2	£8,926.26	£4,463.13
	LIMAVADY	1	£1,480.76	£1,480.76
Totals	5	60	£162,893.68	£2,714.89
	LISBURN	23	£147,985.50	£6,434.15
	LISBURN	19	£69,178.41	£3,640.97
	LISBURN	6	£12,658.25	£2,109.71
	LISBURN	3	£23,312.85	£7,770.95

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	LISBURN	2	£6,758.72	£3,379.36
	LISBURN	1	£60,544.51	£60,544.51
	LISBURN	1	£10,513.18	£10,513.18
	LISBURN	1	£1,260.82	£1,260.82
	LISBURN	1	£936.80	£936.80
Totals	9	57	£333,149.04	£5,844.72
	LISNASKEA	2	£4,518.71	£2,259.36
Totals	1	2	£4,519.00	£2,259.50
	LONDONDERRY	69	£374,865.43	£5,432.83
	LONDONDERRY	48	£223,065.13	£4,647.19
	LONDONDERRY	25	£255,623.52	£10,224.94
	LONDONDERRY	24	£166,897.52	£6,954.06
	LONDONDERRY	22	£79,134.11	£3,597.01
	LONDONDERRY	17	£60,469.87	£3,557.05
	LONDONDERRY	14	£121,485.66	£8,677.55

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	LONDONDERRY	12	£119,221.96	£9,935.16
	LONDONDERRY	14	£90,369.91	£6,454.99
	LONDONDERRY	10	£71,057.64	£7,105.76
	LONDONDERRY	7	£60,492.55	£8,641.79
	LONDONDERRY	7	£18,954.82	£2,707.83
	LONDONDERRY	3	£17,772.54	£5,924.18
	LONDONDERRY	3	£10,278.12	£3,426.04
	LONDONDERRY	2	£3,859.88	£1,929.94
	LONDONDERRY	1	£11,296.36	£11,296.36
	LONDONDERRY	1	£1,748.40	£1,748.40
	LONDONDERRY	1	£1,721.47	£1,721.47
	LONDONDERRY	1	£1,408.58	£1,408.58
	LONDONDERRY	1	£38.25	£38.25
Totals	20	282	£1,689,761.72	£5,992.06
	LURGAN	16	£41,877.39	£2,617.34
	LURGAN	4	£16,916.55	£4,229.14

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	LURGAN	4	£9,781.33	£2,445.33
	LURGAN	3	£5,116.74	£1,705.58
	LURGAN	2	£12,587.47	£6,293.74
	LURGAN	2	£5,019.59	£2,509.80
	LURGAN	1	£4,216.35	£4,216.35
Totals	7	32	£95,515.42	£2,984.86
	MAGHERA	1	£2,239.11	£2,239.11
Totals	1	1	£2,239.00	£2,239.00
	MAGHERAFELT	32	£89,064.56	£2,783.27
	MAGHERAFELT	17	£41,368.34	£2,433.43
	MAGHERAFELT	4	£7,418.46	£1,854.62
Totals	3	53	£137,851.36	£2,600.97
	MONEYMORE	1	£6,368.89	£6,368.89
Totals	1	1	£6,369.00	£6,369.00

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	NEWCASTLE	1	£1,780.13	£1,780.13
	NEWCASTLE	1	£79.31	£79.31
Totals	2	2	£1,859.44	£929.72
	NEWRY	38	£114,457.88	£3,012.05
	NEWRY	24	£354,914.99	£14,788.12
	NEWRY	11	£60,804.10	£5,527.65
	NEWRY	10	£51,015.16	£5,101.52
	NEWRY	8	£14,689.21	£1,836.15
	NEWRY	6	£12,505.53	£2,084.26
	NEWRY	5	£21,693.48	£4,338.70
	NEWRY	5	£12,451.04	£2,490.21
	NEWRY	5	£11,440.55	£2,288.11
	NEWRY	3	£5,221.52	£1,740.51
	NEWRY	3	£3,372.29	£1,124.10
	NEWRY	2	£11,132.25	£5,566.13

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	NEWRY	2	£4,971.76	£2,485.88
	NEWRY	1	£2,848.75	£2,848.75
	NEWRY	1	£2,841.56	£2,841.56
	NEWRY	1	£881.25	£881.25
Totals	16	125	£685,241.32	£5,481.93
	NEWTOWNABBEY	26	£157,826.82	£6,070.26
	NEWTOWNABBEY	4	£33,202.09	£8,300.52
	NEWTOWNABBEY	1	£1,946.59	£1,946.59
Totals	3	31	£192,975.50	£6,225.02
	NEWTOWNARDS	31	£163,959.55	£5,289.02
	NEWTOWNARDS	28	£182,573.92	£6,520.50
	NEWTOWNARDS	8	£18,309.32	£2,288.67
	NEWTOWNARDS	6	£26,891.00	£4,481.83
	NEWTOWNARDS	2	£7,070.30	£3,535.15
	NEWTOWNARDS	1	£3,692.66	£3,692.66

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	NEWTOWNARDS	3	£2,418.09	£806.03
Totals	7	79	£404,914.84	£5,125.50
	OMAGH	42	£200,595.33	£4,776.08
	OMAGH	5	£19,090.97	£3,818.19
	OMAGH	5	£13,158.61	£2,631.72
	OMAGH	5	£7,454.86	£1,490.97
	OMAGH	4	£14,027.75	£3,506.94
	OMAGH	3	£3,653.16	£1,217.72
	OMAGH	3	£2,525.50	£841.83
	OMAGH	2	£8,304.70	£4,152.35
	OMAGH	2	£5,445.99	£2,723.00
	OMAGH	2	£2,534.30	£1,267.15
Totals	10	73	£276,791.17	£3,791.66
	PORTADOWN	25	£206,031.68	£8,241.27
	PORTADOWN	13	£46,106.55	£3,546.66

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	PORTADOWN	8	£13,488.98	£1,686.12
	PORTADOWN	6	£189,582.22	£31,597.04
	PORTADOWN	5	£82,362.79	£16,472.56
	PORTADOWN	2	£98,788.59	£49,394.30
	PORTADOWN	2	£1,353.76	£676.88
Totals	7	61	£637,714.57	£10,454.34
	RANDALSTOWN	2	£3,926.23	£1,963.12
Totals	1	2	£3,926.00	£1,963.00
	RATHFRILAND	4	£15,189.43	£3,797.36
	RATHFRILAND	2	£5,687.52	£2,843.76
	RATHFRILAND	1	£4,692.13	£4,692.13
Totals	3	7	£25,569.08	£3,652.73
	STRABANE	27	£112,116.64	£4,152.47
	STRABANE	17	£58,315.91	£3,430.35

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Totals	2	44	£170,432.55	£3,873.47
	WARRENPOINT	4	£12,345.89	£3,086.47
	WARRENPOINT	3	£7,159.39	£2,386.46
	WARRENPOINT	2	£6,475.79	£3,237.90
Totals	3	9	£25,981.07	£2,886.79

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