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## Key Facts



### Section One: Supply

Building Control  
Starts

**1,391**

21.1% decrease  
on  
Oct - Dec 2016

Building Control  
Completions

**2,157**

23.1% increase  
on  
Oct - Dec 2016

Between October and December 2017 there has been a total of **131** Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) starts and **569** SHDP completions.

### Section Two: Homelessness



Households presenting as  
homeless

The top  
**5**  
reasons for  
presenting as  
homeless

1. Accommodation not reasonable
2. Sharing/family dispute
3. Loss of rented accommodation
4. Marital/Relationship breakdown
5. Neighbourhood harassment

Full Duty applicants  
discharged:

**223**

### Section Three: Owner Occupier Demand

Northern Ireland House Price Index

**117.6**

Standardised Price: £130,482



**4.3%**

increase since  
Oct – Dec 2016



**1.0%**

increase since  
last quarter

**NHBC  
New  
Dwelling  
Average  
House  
price**

(July - Sept 2017 Revised)

**£162,500**

**2.7%** decrease on  
previous quarter

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## Symbols and Conventions

The following symbols are used throughout the publication:

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\* Suppressed

(P) Provisional

(R) Revised

N/A Not Applicable

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The Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin is produced each quarter by the Analytical Services Unit (ASU) of the Department for Communities. The Bulletin contains information on starts and completions, homelessness, the House Price Index and NHBC registered new dwelling sales and prices.

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**The October – December 2017 Housing Bulletin is the fourth edition of this series to reflect a restructuring of format. These changes have been introduced with the intention of creating a simplified and visually appealing format that will help explain the statistics and aid understanding.**

## SECTION ONE: SUPPLY

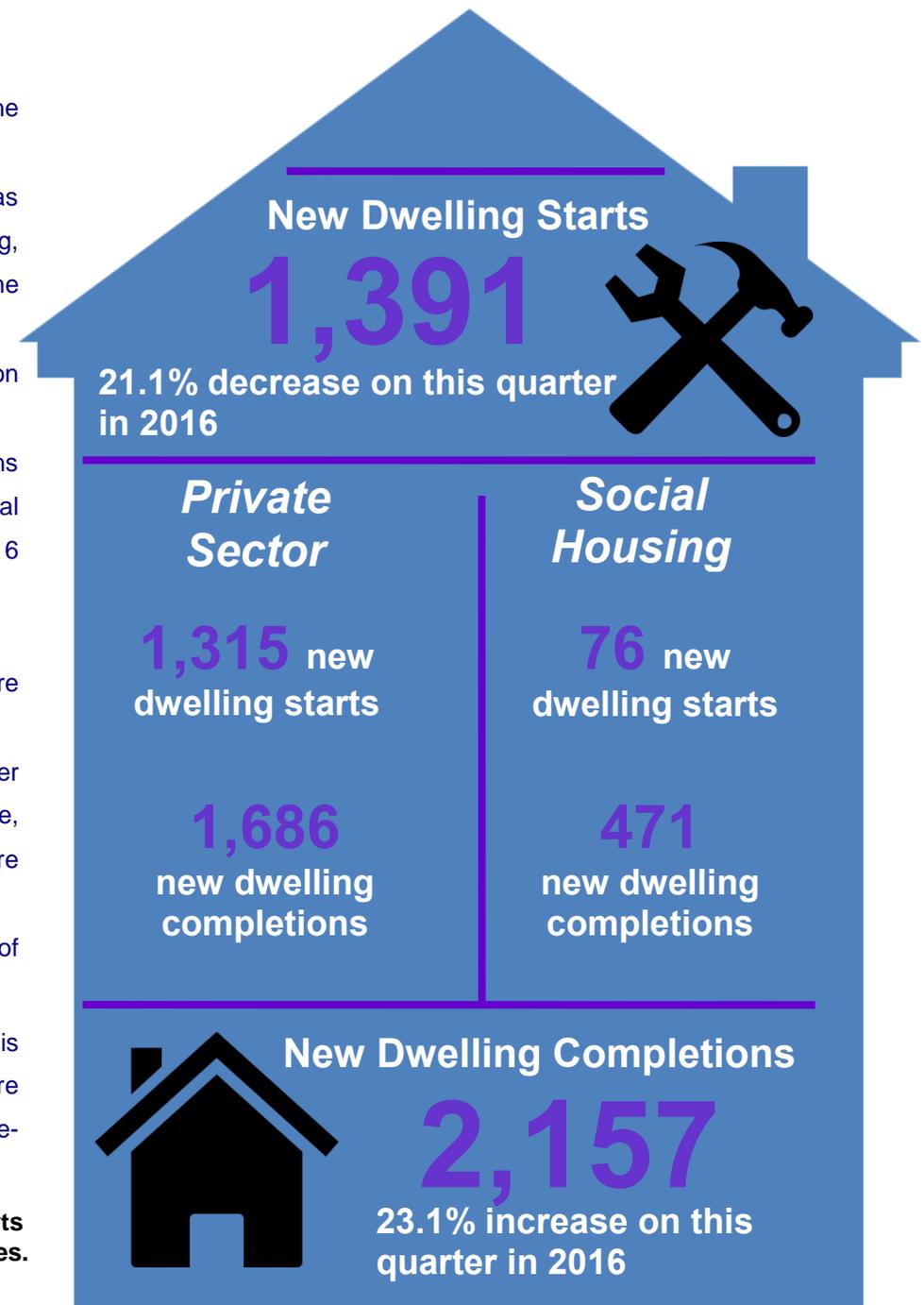
### Building Control Starts & Completions

- The total number of new dwelling starts was 1,391, a decrease of 21.1% on the same quarter in 2016 (1,762).
- The number of private owner/speculative development new dwelling starts was 1,315, a decrease of 14.9% on the same quarter in 2016 (1,545). For social housing, this figure was 76, a decrease of 65.0% on the number recorded for the same quarter in 2016 (217).
- The total number of new dwelling completions was 2,157, an increase of 23.1% on the same quarter in 2016 (1,752).
- The number of private owner/speculative development new dwelling completions was 1,686, an increase of 13.9% on the same quarter in 2016 (1,480). For social housing this figure was 471, an increase of 73.2% on the same quarter in 2016 (272).

### Social Housing Development Programme Starts & Completions

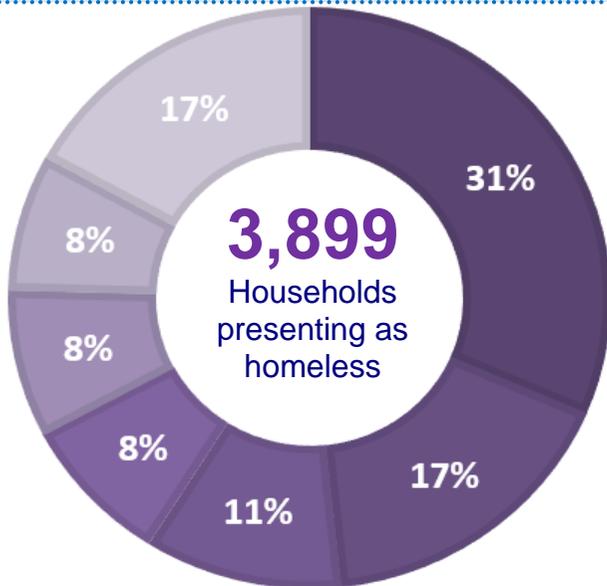
- There has been a total of 131 SHDP social housing dwelling starts: all of these were self-contained and none were shared.
- The largest proportion of SHDP new social housing dwelling starts in this quarter were New Build (43.5%). A further 34.4% were Existing Satisfactory Purchase, 10.7% were Off-the-Shelf, 9.2% were Re-improvement, and 2.3% were Rehabilitation.
- There has been a total of 569 SHDP social housing dwelling completions: all of these were self-contained and none were shared.
- The largest proportion of SHDP new social housing dwelling completions in this quarter were New Build (87.7%). A further 8.1% were Off-the-Shelf, 3.2% were Existing Satisfactory Purchase, 1.1% were Rehabilitation, and there were Re-improvement dwellings.

\* Infographic relates to Building Control starts and completions and not SHDP starts and completions. Refer to Annex 1 for further information on definitional differences.



## SECTION TWO: HOMELESSNESS

- In total, 3,899 households presented as homeless to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive during October - December 2017. This is a decrease of 744 (16.0%) from the previous quarter (4,643).
- The household types with the highest proportion of homeless presenters during October - December 2017 were single males (34.1%) and families (31.0%). The age group with the highest number of presenters for both single males and single females was the 26 to 59 age group with 987 and 364 presenters respectively.
- A full duty applicant is an applicant considered by the Housing Executive to be eligible, homeless (or threatened with homelessness), in priority need and unintentionally homeless, to whom the Housing Executive owes full housing duty.
- The number of households accepted as full duty applicants for the quarter October - December was 2,543, a decrease of 518 (16.9%) from the previous quarter (3,061).
- The most common reason reported by full duty applicants for their current situation was that their accommodation was not reasonable (801).
- Of those households accepted as full duty applicants during the quarter, 223 were discharged.



### Most Common Reasons for Presenting as Homeless

- Accommodation not reasonable
- Sharing breakdown/ family dispute
- Loss of rented accommodation
- Marital /relationship breakdown
- Neighbourhood harassment
- No Accomodation in NI
- Other



## SECTION THREE: OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING DEMAND

### Northern Ireland House Price Index

- The House Price Index has been designed by Land and Property Services to provide a measure of change in the price of a standardised residential property sold in Northern Ireland. The index uses information on all verified residential property sales as recorded by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC).
- The reference base is Quarter 1 2015 at which the index is set to 100. Results for the most recent quarter are provisional and subject to revision. For more information refer to the following link: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/northern-ireland-house-price-index>
- The NI House Price Index currently stands at 117.6. This is an increase of 1.0% on the previous quarter and an increase on 4.3% on the same quarter in 2016.
- The standardised price across all property types for this quarter stands at £130,482.
- Between October - December 2017 there were 5,501 verified residential property sales in Northern Ireland. This is a decrease of 10.6% from the previous quarter (6,154). Detached, Semi-Detached and Terrace houses were relatively equally represented with 29.8%, 31.9% and 29.8% of sales respectively, whereas apartments only represented 8.4%.

### Northern Ireland House Price Index October - December 2017



#### Apartment

**121.2**

£105,875

#### Semi-Detached House

**115.6**

£126,307

#### Detached House

**116.5**

£195,710

#### Terrace House

**120.2**

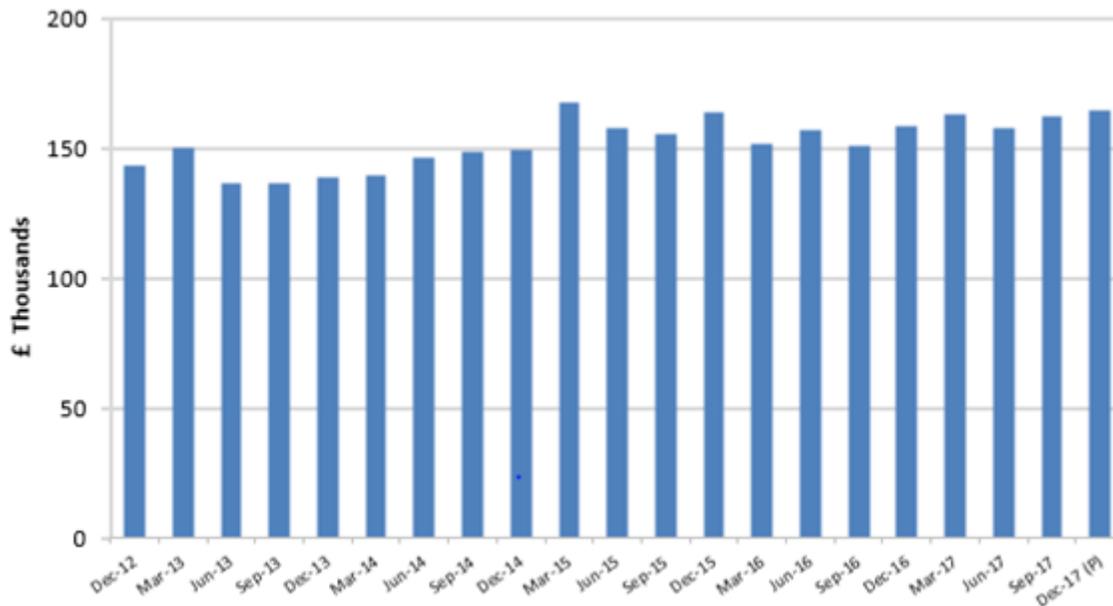
£90,670

## New Dwelling Sales and Prices

The new dwelling sales and prices information in this section is presented by the 11 Local Government Districts (LGDs). Whilst provisional figures are provided for the latest quarter, the text will report on revised figures for July - September 2017.

- During the quarter ending September 2017, 309 (revised figures) new National House Building Council (NHBC) registered dwellings were sold, a decrease of 13.0% from the previous quarter (355) and a decrease of 6.6% from the same quarter in 2016 (331).
- The average price stood at £162,500 for July - September 2017 (revised figures), which is an increase of 2.7% on the previous quarter (£158,300), and an increase of 7.3% on the same quarter in 2016 (£151,500).
- The largest number of new dwelling sales during the quarter ending September 2017 was in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Local Government District (47), with an average price of £144,200.

### Average Price of New Dwellings Sold – Qtr Oct - Dec 2012 to Oct - Dec 2017



### NI Average New Dwelling Price

July - September 2017

(Revised)

**£162,500**



Change since previous Quarter: 2.7% decrease

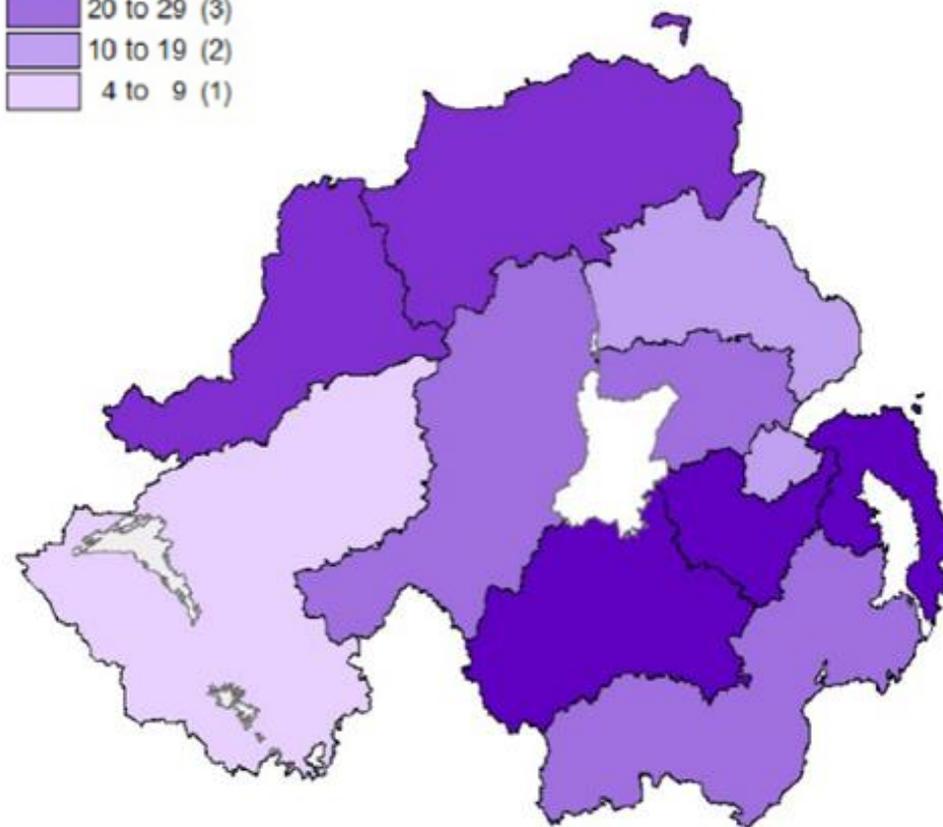
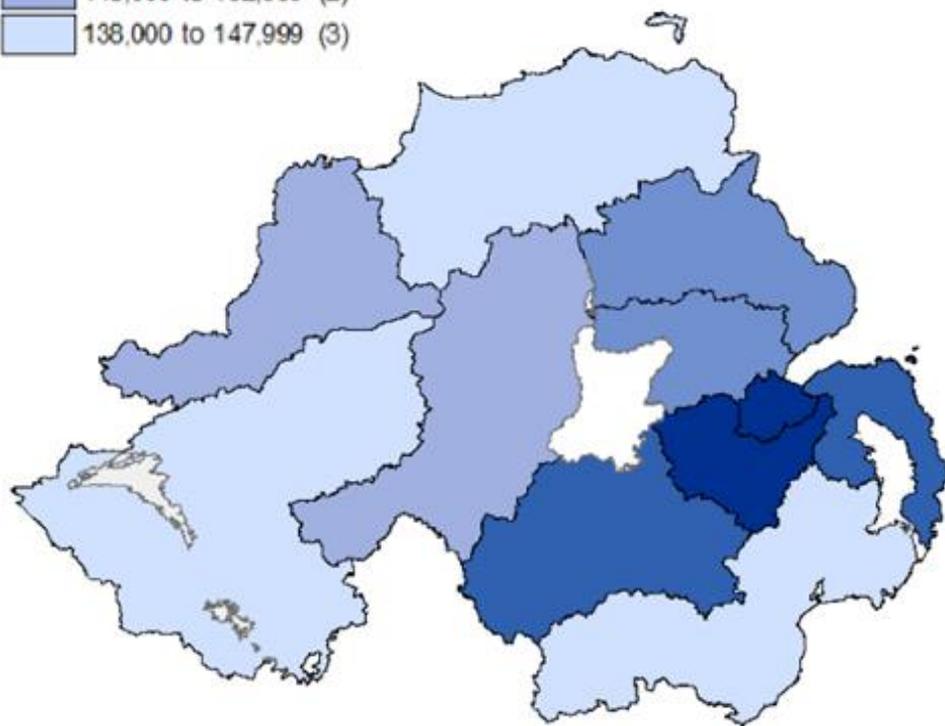
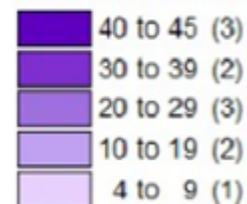
Change since July - Sept 2016: 7.3% increase

# New Dwelling Sales and Prices July - September 2017

## Average Price (£)



## Number of Sales



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