MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Northern Ireland High Street Scheme: Spend Local cards and related spend

The management information presented in this release relates to data extracted on 27 January 2022.

Please note the data are provisional, unvalidated management information sourced from administrative systems and are subject to change.

Key Points

At 27 January 2022:

- 1,399,051 NI residents were issued with a Spend Local card

- 1,393,043 (99.6%) Spend Local cards were activated

- total spend on Spend Local cards was £136.6 million

Transactions and Spend by Local Government District

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize the number of transactions and spend on Spend Local cards by Local Government District.

Table 1: Transactions by Local Government District

Local Government District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions
Belfast	869,934	23.4
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	325,538	8.8
Antrim and Newtownabbey	302,346	8.1
Ards and North Down	296,202	8.0
Lisburn and Castlereagh	278,393	7.5
Derry City and Strabane	272,249	7.3
Newry, Mourne and Down	261,868	7.0
Mid and East Antrim	241,206	6.5
Causeway Coast and Glens	224,388	6.0
Mid Ulster	190,975	5.1
Fermanagh and Omagh	179,243	4.8
Unknown*	272,486	7.3
Northern Ireland	**3,714,828**	**100**

* 272,486 (7.3%) transaction locations do not have a corresponding postcode in the postcode directory.

Table 2: Spend by Local Government District

Local Government District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spend
Belfast	27,623,647	20.2
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	12,736,406	9.3
Newry, Mourne and Down	10,607,892	7.8
Antrim and Newtownabbey	10,374,516	7.6
Lisburn and Castlereagh	10,301,486	7.5
Ards and North Down	10,261,342	7.5
Derry City and Strabane	10,238,031	7.5
Mid and East Antrim	9,312,169	6.8
Causeway Coast and Glens	8,938,166	6.5
Mid Ulster	8,120,166	5.9
Fermanagh and Omagh	7,524,086	5.5
Unknown*	10,574,023	7.7
Northern Ireland	**136,611,929**	**100**

* The transaction locations of £10,574,023 (7.7%) spend do not have a corresponding postcode in the postcode directory.

Transactions and Spend by Postcode District

Tables 3 and 4 below summarize the number of transactions and spend on Spend Local cards by Postcode District.

Table 3: Transactions by Postcode District

Postcode District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions	Post Town	Coverage
BT1	314,348	8.5	Belfast	Belfast City Centre (City Hall and north)
BT2	22,819	0.6	Belfast	Belfast City Centre (south of City Hall)
BT3	28,722	0.8	Belfast	Belfast Harbour Estate (including Belfast City Airport)
BT4	36,484	1.0	Belfast	East Belfast: Sydenham, Belmont, Stormont, Ballyhackamore (Part)
BT5	61,882	1.7	Belfast	East Belfast: Castlereagh, Clarawood, Crossnacreevy, Gilnahirk, Knock, Braniel (Part), Ballyhackamore (Part)
BT6	29,810	0.8	Belfast	East Belfast: Castlereagh, Woodstock, Cregagh, Knockbreda
BT7	48,704	1.3	Belfast	South Belfast: Ormeau, Botanic, University
BT8	79,484	2.1	Belfast	South Belfast: Saintfield Road, Four Winds, Carryduff, Knockbreda, Newtownbreda
BT9	43,250	1.2	Belfast	South Belfast: Malone, Lisburn Road, Taughmonagh, Stranmillis
BT10	12,961	0.3	Belfast	South Belfast: Finaghy
BT11	74,824	2.0	Belfast	West Belfast: Andersonstown, Lenadoon, Suffolk, Ladybrook, Turf Lodge
BT12	107,370	2.9	Belfast	South Belfast: Sandy Row,The Village West Belfast: Falls Road
BT13	24,972	0.7	Belfast	North Belfast: Shankill Road, Woodvale, Ballygomartin, Springmartin, Glencairn, Highfield. West Belfast: Clonard

Postcode District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions	Post Town	Coverage
BT14	37,219	1.0	Belfast	North Belfast: Crumlin Road, Ballysillan, Upper Ballysillan, Ardoyne
BT15	65,415	1.8	Belfast	North Belfast: York Road, Antrim Road, New Lodge, Sailortown
BT16	22,475	0.6	Belfast	East Belfast: Dundonald
BT17	20,744	0.6	Belfast	West Belfast: Dunmurry, Hannahstown, Twinbrook, Poleglass, Lagmore. North Lisburn: Derriaghy, Seymour Hill
BT18	19,066	0.5	Holywood	Holywood, Craigavad
BT19	90,495	2.4	Bangor	Bangor (outside Ring Road), Crawfordsburn, Groomsport, Helens Bay
BT20	51,462	1.4	Bangor	Bangor (within Ring Road)
BT21	13,816	0.4	Donaghadee	Donaghadee
BT22	17,027	0.5	Newtownards	Newtownards, Ardkeen, Ballyhalbert, Ballywalter, Carrowdore, Cloughey, Greyabbey, Kircubbin, Millisle, Portaferry, Portavogie
BT23	122,040	3.3	Newtownards	Newtownards, Ballygowan, Comber, Conlig, Killinchy, Moneyrea
BT24	25,575	0.7	Ballynahinch	Ballynahinch, Drumaness, Saintfield
BT25	8,928	0.2	Dromore	Dromore, Dromara, Finnis, Waringsford
BT26	6,426	0.2	Hillsborough	Hillsborough, Annahilt, Culcavy
BT27	67,144	1.8	Lisburn	Lisburn, Cargacreevy, Drumalig, Drumbo, Hilden, Hillhall, Lambeg
BT28	103,353	2.8	Lisburn	Lisburn, Ballinderry Lower, Ballinderry Upper, Stoneyford
BT29	13,169	0.4	Belfast, Crumlin	Belfast International Airport, Crumlin, Aldergrove, Dundrod, Glenavy, Nutts Corner
BT30	54,606	1.5	Downpatrick	Downpatrick, Ardglass, Ballyhornan, Ballykinler, Castleward, Clough,

Postcode District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions	Post Town	Coverage
				Crossgar, Kilclief, Killard, Killough, Killyleagh, Listooder, Loughinisland, Seaforde, Strangford, Toye
BT31	7,510	0.2	Castlewellan	Castlewellan, Ballyward
BT32	65,295	1.8	Banbridge	Banbridge, Annaclone, Ballinaskeagh, Ballyroney, Corbet, Katesbridge, Lenaderg, Loughbrickland, Seapatrick
BT33	22,050	0.6	Newcastle	Newcastle, Bryansford, Dundrum
BT34	68,574	1.8	Newry (South Down Section)	Newry, Annalong, Ballymartin, Cabra, Hilltown, Kilcoo, Kilkeel, Mayobridge, Rathfriland, Rostrevor, Warrenpoint
BT35	111,162	3.0	Newry (South Armagh Section)	Jerrettspass, Bessbrook, Camlough, Crossmaglen, Belleek, Newtownhamilton, Poyntzpass
BT36	106,953	2.9	Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey, Mossley, Glengormley
BT37	96,904	2.6	Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey
BT38	53,534	1.4	Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus, Ballycarry, Greenisland, Kilroot, Whitehead
BT39	39,238	1.1	Ballyclare	Ballyclare, Ballynure, Doagh, Parkgate, Straid, Templepatrick
BT40	41,289	1.1	Larne	Larne, Ballygally, Glenoe, Glynn, Islandmagee, Kilwaughter, Magheramorne, Millbrook
BT41	70,483	1.9	Antrim	Antrim, Dunadry, Muckamore, Randalstown, Toomebridge
BT42	57,931	1.6	Ballymena	Broughshane, Cullybackey, Galgorm, Kells
BT43	96,758	2.6	Ballymena	Cargan, Knockanully
BT44	17,200	0.5	Ballymena	Portglenone, Carnlough, Glenarm, Clogh Mills, Rasharkin,

Postcode District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions	Post Town	Coverage
				Glenariff/Waterfoot, Cushendun, Cushendall, Dunloy, Loughguile, Glarryford
BT45	46,943	1.3	Magherafelt	Magherafelt, Ballyronan, Bellaghy, Castledawson, Desertmartin, Draperstown, Knockloughrim, Moneymore, Tobermore, Fallalea, Fallaghloon
BT46	11,656	0.3	Maghera	Maghera, Lisnamuck, Swatragh, Upperlands
BT47	77,261	2.1	Londonderry	Derry, Waterside, Claudy, Feeny, Dungiven, Eglinton, Park, New Buildings
BT48	179,575	4.8	Londonderry	Derry, Cityside, Ballynagard, Coshquin, Rosemount, The Collon, Culmore
BT49	31,345	0.8	Limavady	Limavady, Ballykelly
BT51	40,456	1.1	Coleraine	Coleraine, Aghadowey, Articlave, Bellany, Blackhill, Castlerock, Castleroe, Garvagh, Kilrea, Macosquin, Ringsend
BT52	72,293	1.9	Coleraine	Coleraine, Ballyvelton, Cloyfin
BT53	36,439	1.0	Ballymoney	Ballymoney, Dervock, Armoy, Ballybogy
BT54	11,809	0.3	Ballycastle	Ballycastle, Ballintoy, Ballypatrick, Ballyvoy, Cape Castle, Glenshesk, Maghercashel, Maghernahar, Moyarget, Torr, Rathlin Island
BT55	12,361	0.3	Portstewart	Portstewart
BT56	14,274	0.4	Portrush	Portrush, Craigahullier, Urbalreagh
BT57	7,081	0.2	Bushmills	Bushmills, Castlecatt, Dunseverick, Portballintrae
BT60	22,042	0.6	Armagh	Killylea, Tynan, Belcoo, Middletown, Keady, Darkley, Markethill, Kingsmills
BT61	38,679	1.0	Armagh	Armagh, Collone,

Postcode District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions	Post Town	Coverage
				Hamiltonsbawn, Kilmore, Loughgall, Richhill
BT62	58,661	1.6	Craigavon	Craigavon, Portadown, Tandragee, Clare, Scotch Street
BT63	20,292	0.5	Craigavon	Gilford, Laurencetown, Portadown, Scarva
BT64	67,390	1.8	Craigavon	Craigavon (West): Knockmenagh, Mandeville
BT65	4,683	0.1	Craigavon	Craigavon (East): Drumgor, Legaghory, Tullygally, Brownlow
BT66	47,329	1.3	Craigavon	Derryadd, Derrytrasna, Dollingstown, Donaghcloney, Lurgan, Waringstown
BT67	22,229	0.6	Craigavon	Aghagallon, Aghalee, Gawley's Gate, Lurgan, Magheralin, Moira
BT68	9,337	0.3	Caledon	Caledon, Minterburn
BT69	5,025	0.1	Aughnacloy	Aughnacloy, Carnteel
BT70	29,780	0.8	Dungannon	Dungannon, Ballygawley, Cappagh, Castlecaulfield, Donaghmore, Galbally, Garvaghy, Pomeroy, Rock, Seskilgreen
BT71	46,358	1.2	Dungannon	Dungannon, Benburb, Blackwatertown, Bush, Coalisland, Killycolpy, Ardboe, Moygashel, Stewartstown
BT74	65,425	1.8	Enniskillen	Enniskillen town, Boho
BT75	3,725	0.1	Fivemiletown	Fivemiletown, Clabby
BT76	7,632	0.2	Clogher	Clogher
BT77	1,131	0.0	Augher	Augher
BT78	67,464	1.8	Omagh	Omagh, Dromore, Drumquin, Eskra, Fintona, Killynure, Newtownstewart, Seskanore, Trillick
BT79	25,664	0.7	Omagh	Omagh, Drumlea, Glengawna, Gortin, Mountfield, Plumbridge, Rosnamuck, Sheskinshule, Sixmilecross
BT80	52,564	1.4	Cookstown	Cookstown, Coagh, Tullyhogue

Postcode District	Number of transactions	Percentage of all transactions	Post Town	Coverage
BT81	8,651	0.2	Castlederg	Castlederg, Aghyaran, Clare, Garvetagh, Killen, Killeter, Mournebeg, Scraghey, Spamount
BT82	40,387	1.1	Strabane	Strabane, Artigarvan, Ballymagorry, Bready, Clady, Douglas Bridge, Dunamanagh, Sion Mills, Victoria Bridge
BT92	13,535	0.4	Enniskillen	Lisnaskea, Florencecourt, Derrylin, Newtownbutler
BT93	10,017	0.3	Enniskillen	Belleek, Belcoo, Kesh, Derrygonnelly, Garrison
BT94	10,862	0.3	Enniskillen	Irvinestown, Ballinamallard, Brookeborough, Tempo, Maguiresbridge, Lisbellaw
Unknown*	15,002	0.4	Unknown	Unknown
Northern Ireland	**3,714,828**	**100**		

* 15,002 (0.4%) transaction locations do not have a corresponding postcode in the postcode directory.

Table 4: Spend by Postcode District

Postcode District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spent	Post Town	Coverage
BT1	11,123,539	8.1	Belfast	Belfast City Centre (City Hall and north)
BT2	497,043	0.4	Belfast	Belfast City Centre (south of City Hall)
BT3	1,256,698	0.9	Belfast	Belfast Harbour Estate (including Belfast City Airport)
BT4	946,118	0.7	Belfast	East Belfast: Sydenham, Belmont, Stormont, Ballyhackamore (Part)
BT5	1,736,553	1.3	Belfast	East Belfast: Castlereagh, Clarawood, Crossnacreevy, Gilnahirk, Knock, Braniel (Part), Ballyhackamore (Part)
BT6	870,771	0.6	Belfast	East Belfast: Castlereagh, Woodstock, Cregagh, Knockbreda
BT7	959,103	0.7	Belfast	South Belfast: Ormeau, Botanic, University

Postcode District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spent	Post Town	Coverage
BT8	2,996,896	2.2	Belfast	South Belfast: Saintfield Road, Four Winds, Carryduff, Knockbreda, Newtownbreda
BT9	996,986	0.7	Belfast	South Belfast: Malone, Lisburn Road, Taughmonagh, Stranmillis
BT10	309,060	0.2	Belfast	South Belfast: Finaghy
BT11	2,437,062	1.8	Belfast	West Belfast: Andersonstown, Lenadoon, Suffolk, Ladybrook, Turf Lodge
BT12	4,340,401	3.2	Belfast	South Belfast: Sandy Row,The Village West Belfast: Falls Road
BT13	717,848	0.5	Belfast	North Belfast: Shankill Road, Woodvale, Ballygomartin, Springmartin, Glencairn, Highfield. West Belfast: Clonard
BT14	1,240,895	0.9	Belfast	North Belfast: Crumlin Road, Ballysillan, Upper Ballysillan, Ardoyne
BT15	1,758,416	1.3	Belfast	North Belfast: York Road, Antrim Road, New Lodge, Sailortown
BT16	685,585	0.5	Belfast	East Belfast: Dundonald
BT17	534,118	0.4	Belfast	West Belfast: Dunmurry, Hannahstown, Twinbrook, Poleglass, Lagmore. North Lisburn: Derriaghy, Seymour Hill
BT18	583,005	0.4	Holywood	Holywood, Craigavad
BT19	3,504,135	2.6	Bangor	Bangor (outside Ring Road), Crawfordsburn, Groomsport, Helens Bay
BT20	1,681,711	1.2	Bangor	Bangor (within Ring Road)
BT21	448,140	0.3	Donaghadee	Donaghadee
BT22	432,983	0.3	Newtownards	Newtownards, Ardkeen, Ballyhalbert, Ballywalter, Carrowdore, Cloughey, Greyabbey, Kircubbin, Millisle, Portaferry, Portavogie
BT23	4,306,064	3.2	Newtownards	Newtownards,

Postcode District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spent	Post Town	Coverage
				Ballygowan, Comber, Conlig, Killinchy, Moneyrea
BT24	976,285	0.7	Ballynahinch	Ballynahinch, Drumaness, Saintfield
BT25	244,628	0.2	Dromore	Dromore, Dromara, Finnis, Waringsford
BT26	242,318	0.2	Hillsborough	Hillsborough, Annahilt, Culcavy
BT27	2,951,077	2.2	Lisburn	Lisburn, Cargacreevy, Drumalig, Drumbo, Hilden, Hillhall, Lambeg
BT28	3,488,834	2.6	Lisburn	Lisburn, Ballinderry Lower, Ballinderry Upper, Stoneyford
BT29	397,042	0.3	Belfast, Crumlin	Belfast International Airport, Crumlin, Aldergrove, Dundrod, Glenavy, Nutts Corner
BT30	1,970,900	1.4	Downpatrick	Downpatrick, Ardglass, Ballyhornan, Ballykinler, Castleward, Clough, Crossgar, Kilclief, Killard, Killough, Killyleagh, Listooder, Loughinisland, Seaforde, Strangford, Toye
BT31	263,564	0.2	Castlewellan	Castlewellan, Ballyward
BT32	2,742,435	2.0	Banbridge	Banbridge, Annaclone, Ballinaskeagh, Ballyroney, Corbet, Katesbridge, Lenaderg, Loughbrickland, Seapatrick
BT33	774,760	0.6	Newcastle	Newcastle, Bryansford, Dundrum
BT34	2,813,757	2.1	Newry (South Down Section)	Newry, Annalong, Ballymartin, Cabra, Hilltown, Kilcoo, Kilkeel, Mayobridge, Rathfriland, Rostrevor, Warrenpoint
BT35	4,837,480	3.5	Newry (South Armagh Section)	Jerrettspass, Bessbrook, Camlough, Crossmaglen, Belleek, Newtownhamilton, Poyntzpass
BT36	4,076,927	3.0	Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey, Mossley, Glengormley
BT37	3,192,431	2.3	Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey

Postcode District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spent	Post Town	Coverage
BT38	1,663,761	1.2	Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus, Ballycarry, Greenisland, Kilroot, Whitehead
BT39	1,346,879	1.0	Ballyclare	Ballyclare, Ballynure, Doagh, Parkgate, Straid, Templepatrick
BT40	1,473,816	1.1	Larne	Larne, Ballygally, Glenoe, Glynn, Islandmagee, Kilwaughter, Magheramorne, Millbrook
BT41	2,379,388	1.7	Antrim	Antrim, Dunadry, Muckamore, Randalstown, Toomebridge
BT42	2,618,716	1.9	Ballymena	Broughshane, Cullybackey, Galgorm, Kells
BT43	3,877,402	2.8	Ballymena	Cargan, Knockanully
BT44	655,221	0.5	Ballymena	Portglenone, Carnlough, Glenarm, Clogh Mills, Rasharkin, Glenariff/Waterfoot, Cushendun, Cushendall, Dunloy, Loughguile, Glarryford
BT45	1,862,816	1.4	Magherafelt	Magherafelt, Ballyronan, Bellaghy, Castledawson, Desertmartin, Draperstown, Knockloughrim, Moneymore, Tobermore, Fallalea, Fallaghloon
BT46	499,188	0.4	Maghera	Maghera, Lisnamuck, Swatragh, Upperlands
BT47	2,837,093	2.1	Londonderry	Derry, Waterside, Claudy, Feeny, Dungiven, Eglinton, Park, New Buildings
BT48	6,634,606	4.9	Londonderry	Derry, Cityside, Ballynagard, Coshquin, Rosemount, The Collon, Culmore
BT49	1,196,866	0.9	Limavady	Limavady, Ballykelly
BT51	1,890,420	1.4	Coleraine	Coleraine, Aghadowey, Articlave, Bellany, Blackhill, Castlerock, Castleroe, Garvagh, Kilrea, Macosquin, Ringsend

Postcode District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spent	Post Town	Coverage
BT52	2,785,429	2.0	Coleraine	Coleraine, Ballyvelton, Cloyfin
BT53	1,489,040	1.1	Ballymoney	Ballymoney, Dervock, Armoy, Ballybogy
BT54	469,088	0.3	Ballycastle	Ballycastle, Ballintoy, Ballypatrick, Ballyvoy, Cape Castle, Glenshesk, Maghercashel, Maghernahar, Moyarget, Torr, Rathlin Island
BT55	414,936	0.3	Portstewart	Portstewart
BT56	495,144	0.4	Portrush	Portrush, Craigahullier, Urbalreagh
BT57	287,342	0.2	Bushmills	Bushmills, Castlecatt, Dunseverick, Portballintrae
BT60	1,142,937	0.8	Armagh	Killylea, Tynan, Belcoo, Middletown, Keady, Darkley, Markethill, Kingsmills
BT61	1,518,333	1.1	Armagh	Armagh, Collone, Hamiltonsbawn, Kilmore, Loughgall, Richhill
BT62	2,275,512	1.7	Craigavon	Craigavon, Portadown, Tandragee, Clare, Scotch Street
BT63	808,502	0.6	Craigavon	Gilford, Laurencetown, Portadown, Scarva
BT64	2,647,578	1.9	Craigavon	Craigavon (West): Knockmenagh, Mandeville
BT65	96,414	0.1	Craigavon	Craigavon (East): Drumgor, Legaghory, Tullygally, Brownlow
BT66	1,699,382	1.2	Craigavon	Derryadd, Derrytrasna, Dollingstown, Donaghcloney, Lurgan, Waringstown
BT67	840,100	0.6	Craigavon	Aghagallon, Aghalee, Gawley's Gate, Lurgan, Magheralin, Moira
BT68	373,506	0.3	Caledon	Caledon, Minterburn
BT69	159,997	0.1	Aughnacloy	Aughnacloy, Carnteel
BT70	1,341,527	1.0	Dungannon	Dungannon, Ballygawley, Cappagh, Castlecaulfield, Donaghmore, Galbally, Garvaghy, Pomeroy, Rock, Seskilgreen
BT71	1,994,220	1.5	Dungannon	Dungannon, Benburb,

Postcode District	Spend (£)	Percentage of total spent	Post Town	Coverage
				Blackwatertown, Bush, Coalisland, Killycolpy, Ardboe, Moygashel, Stewartstown
BT74	2,910,395	2.1	Enniskillen	Enniskillen town, Boho
BT75	175,826	0.1	Fivemiletown	Fivemiletown, Clabby
BT76	264,662	0.2	Clogher	Clogher
BT77	39,600	0.0	Augher	Augher
BT78	2,784,563	2.0	Omagh	Omagh, Dromore, Drumquin, Eskra, Fintona, Killynure, Newtownstewart, Seskanore, Trillick
BT79	963,762	0.7	Omagh	Omagh, Drumlea, Glengawna, Gortin, Mountfield, Plumbridge, Rosnamuck, Sheskinshule, Sixmilecross
BT80	2,471,032	1.8	Cookstown	Cookstown, Coagh, Tullyhogue
BT81	339,636	0.2	Castlederg	Castlederg, Aghyaran, Clare, Garvetagh, Killen, Killeter, Mournebeg, Scraghey, Spamount
BT82	1,607,673	1.2	Strabane	Strabane, Artigarvan, Ballymagorry, Bready, Clady, Douglas Bridge, Dunamanagh, Sion Mills, Victoria Bridge
BT92	544,971	0.4	Enniskillen	Lisnaskea, Florencecourt, Derrylin, Newtownbutler
BT93	462,947	0.3	Enniskillen	Belleek, Belcoo, Kesh, Derrygonnelly, Garrison
BT94	420,968	0.3	Enniskillen	Irvinestown, Ballinamallard, Brookeborough, Tempo, Maguiresbridge, Lisbellaw
Unknown*	515,166	0.4	Unknown	Unknown
Northern Ireland	**136,611,929**	**100**		

* The transaction locations of £515,166 (0.4%) spend do not have a corresponding postcode in the postcode directory.

Definitions

Number of residents issued with a Spend Local card

The number of verified applicants that received at least one card. For each verified applicant that received a card via post; once activated, if the card was lost or damaged, they could apply for a replacement card which was loaded with their remaining balance and their previous card was deactivated. Rather than calculate the total number of cards issued, the number of verified applicants receiving at least one card does not take replacement cards into account and helps form a truer picture of the number of residents issued with a card.

Number of Spend Local cards activated

The number of cards activated after being issued to verified applicants. After receiving a card, the applicant needed to go through an activation process in order to activate the card and start using it.

Percentage of Spend Local cards activated

The Spend Local cards which were activated as a percentage of all cards issued.

Total spend on Spend Local cards

The total spend across all Spend Local cards from 27 September 2021 (the beginning of the scheme) up to 7 January 2022.

Transactions and Spend by Local Government District (LGD)

The breakdown of the total number of transactions and total spend on Spend Local cards in each LGD. Note, 272,486 (7.3%) transaction locations with associated spend of £10,574,023 (7.7%) do not have a corresponding postcode in the postcode directory. Analysis by LGD requires an exact match of the merchant's registered postcode with a postcode in the postcode directory (which maps exact postcodes to one of eleven LGDs). If the exact postcode is not found in the postcode directory, the LGD is marked as 'Unknown'.

Transactions and Spend by Postcode District

The breakdown of the total number of transactions and total spend on Spend Local cards in each postcode district. Note, 15,002 (0.4%) transaction locations with associated spend of £515,166 (0.4%) do not have a corresponding postcode in the postcode directory. Analysis by postcode district, requires the first three or four characters of the merchant's registered

postcode (depending on its length) to pattern match any postcode district covered in the BT postcode area. If a match is not found, the postcode district is marked as 'Unknown'.

Notes for Reader

- The administrative source of data relating to the High Street Scheme's Spend Local cards and related spend is the pre-paid card provider, PFS.

- Due to significant interest in the High Street Scheme, the Department is releasing a one-off publication of management information in addition to Official Statistics to provide more timely information.

- **The data contained in this release are provisional, unvalidated management information sourced from administrative systems and are subject to change.**

- The figures presented in this release derive from time limited data relating to Spend Local card and related spend from administrative systems.

- The reports used to extract the contained management figures were agreed between DfE and PFS. Although the data are deemed to be of robust quality, they have not undergone the same rigorous quality assurance checks that are carried out prior to the publication of Official Statistics.

- The total spend figure does not take into account pending transactions which have yet to be verified on the system. It is expected that the value of total spend will deviate around +/- £100,000 as pending transactions and refunds are finalised. Therefore, the total spend figure will be subject to revision when the final form Official Statistics are published.

- The number of cards activated in this management information report does not match the number of verified applications for the scheme, which was published in a separate statistical release in December 2021. There are a number of possible reasons for this, including these additional cards being created as dummy cards for testing purposes to ensure the quality and correct functioning of the card being sent out to applicants. Work is ongoing with the card provider to identify such cards and therefore the number of cards activated will be subject to revision when the final form Official Statistics are published.

- Official Statistics on Spend Local cards and related spend will be published during March 2022. The release will be available on the DfE NI High Street Scheme page.

- More information on the timelines, eligibility criteria and the application process for the High Street Scheme plus how to use the Spend Local card is available on the DfE High Street Scheme Frequently Asked Questions page.

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