Supporting People in Northern Ireland

Supporting People provides a wide range of housing support services to help people sustain their accommodation and live independently.

Among the 26,000 people in NI relying on Supporting People are the frail and elderly, people with disabilities and homeless people.

Therefore, the Supporting People programme saves £125.05m from other public services.

If Supporting People were not available £762.86m would be needed to fund alternative services.

Vulnerable groups benefit from £637.81m of public services, including £65.6m from the Supporting People programme.

...in other words, Supporting People saves £1.90 for every £1 spent.

Net Benefit by Cost Category

Supporting People saves money in the Health Service, criminal justice system and residential care home support.

Read the full report online

The report, ‘The Financial Benefits of the Supporting People Programme in Northern Ireland’ was commissioned by the Centre for Economic Empowerment at NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action) from Sitra.

Sitra used a financial modelling tool (developed by Capgemini on behalf of the Communities and Local Government department in England) to assess the impact of the removal of the programme on public finances and service users.

The Capgemini model compares the full costs of delivering the SP programme currently with the costs incurred in the absence of SP.