

## Brigg and Goole Parliamentary Constituency

This is the second bulletin of 2013 produced by Northern Housing Consortium (NHC) providing analysis of housing-related data for the Parliamentary Constituencies in the North of England. The report provides analysis of the impacts of welfare reform and the housing market in the constituency.

We have used the following symbols to indicate your performance against the relevant regional or national statistics.



Above average



Reference point



Below average

### Welfare Reform



[Real Life Reform](#) report is the result of a partnership between Northern Housing Consortium, seven registered providers and York University. Some findings emerging from the first report are that 65% of households have less than £10 per week to live on following rent and essentials such as food and bills. 83% of households are in debt (average £2,418). Households are reporting increased levels of stress and depression.



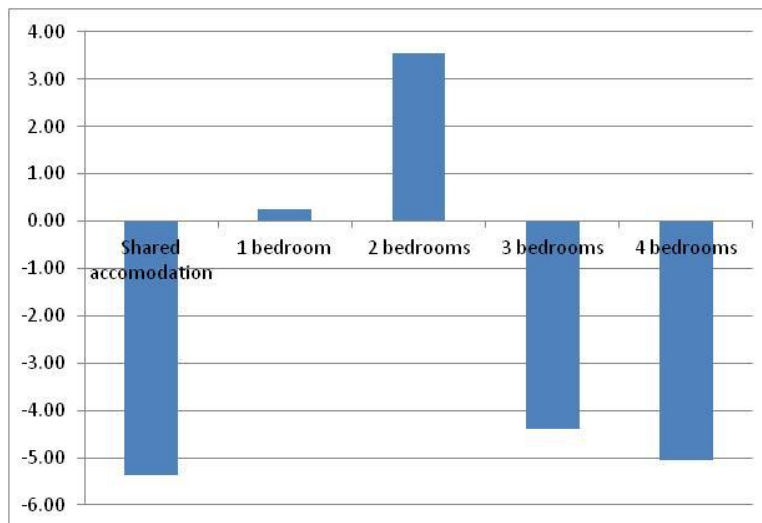
The Trussell Trust's latest figures show that more people are being referred to foodbanks with Benefit related problems since April's welfare reforms. Between April and June, over 150,000 people received three days' emergency food from a Trussell Trust foodbank - 200% more than the same period in 2012. The nearest foodbank to the constituency is in Scunthorpe Baptist Church.



The number of Housing Benefit claimants in the social sector has fallen in the constituency since the implementation of the under-occupation penalty. Such claims fell by 0.03% between March and May this year. Furthermore, claims of Local Housing Allowance in the private sector fell by 0.5% in the same period compared with a Humberside average increase of 0.5%.



While the average Housing Benefit award grew by 0.3%, the average weekly LHA award grew by 0.2% but by multiplying the number of claimants by average weekly award an overall weekly LHA cost decrease of 0.3% (£436) can be estimated. Figure 1 shows how average costs have changed over this period by dwelling size.



**Figure 1:** Change in weekly LHA costs

## Housing Market



Ministry of Justice data shows that in both North Lincolnshire and East Riding of Yorkshire areas, social landlord possession claims grew in the first two quarters of 2013 by 3.4% and 5.9% respectively on the corresponding timeframe in 2012. Actual possessions fell by 14.3% and 16.7% respectively. In the private sector (rented and mortgage), both claims and possessions fell in East Riding but possession grew by 10.4% in North Lincs.



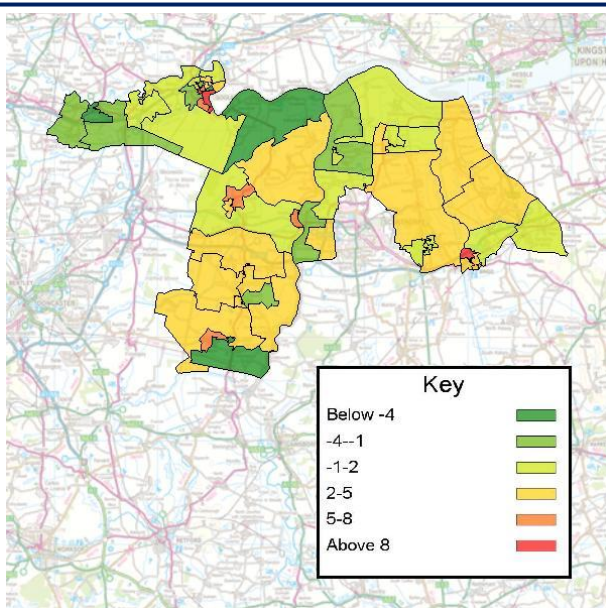
According to ONS figures, the population in the constituency grew by 1.8% from 85,246 in 2010 to 86,775 in 2011. The map below shows the population change by lower super output area and that greatest population increases and that have taken place in an LSOA covered by the Goole South ward (15.5%) and that the greatest decrease was seen in part of Snaith, Airmyn, Rawcliffe and Marshland ward (-5.9%) – both in East Riding of Yorkshire (note: data is not available for some LSOAs in 2011).



Notwithstanding this overall population increase, CORE data shows that social housing lettings have fallen in North Lincolnshire by 27.4% and in East Riding of Yorkshire by 13.9%. This compares to an overall fall of 9.7% in Humberside.



In the year ending in March 2013, there was a combined 3,656 decisions made by the planning authorities in North Lincolnshire and East Riding of Yorkshire. Some 239 of these (15.3%) were regarding developments for housing. This represents 80.2% of all housing-related decisions in Humberside.



**Map 1: Percentage change in population**

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