

First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland 2023/24 published

The Department of Justice has published the official statistics publications 'First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland 2023/24'.

Minister pays tribute to Allied Health Professionals at conference

The Health Minister has paid tribute to NI's Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and acknowledged their unique contribution in improving healthcare outcomes.

NATO summit has left us all more exposed

25 June 2025 / 25 June 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Reacting to the close of the NATO Summit, Green Party MP Ellie Chowns said:

"NATO leaders have fawned over a bullying, bellicose US President and agreed to a long-term doubling of arms spending that will come at the cost of cuts in vital health and public services across member states.

"The NATO summit has left us all more exposed to the threat of nuclear war and failed to offer people across the world a strategic vision of a more peaceful world.

"Here in the UK, the Labour government has already slashed aid for the most vulnerable around the world to make way for increased arms spending and next week will try to force through cuts to disability support to pay for more.

"We do not need new US-controlled fighter jets to carry US-controlled nuclear

weapons paid for by UK taxpayers that will make the world a more dangerous place.

“The UK government should be leading efforts to reduce and eliminate nuclear arsenals, not paying for the US to base more of them here.

“There is a choice to be made between welfare and warfare.

“Genuine security means making sure the most vulnerable have the support needed for a decent life and we all have a government focussed on tackling the biggest long-term threats to human security – climate breakdown, global inequality, pandemics.

“Real security is built on social, economic, and environmental resilience, not more nuclear weapons.

“Green MPs will be opposing the government’s welfare cuts next week and offering a real alternative that puts people’s welfare and the planet’s future first.”

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[Make polluters pay to bring down bills, Greens say](#)

25 June 2025 / 24 June 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the Climate Change Committee’s latest report, co-leader Carla Denyer MP said:

“Last year fossil fuel giants Shell and BP made a total of [£26 billion](#) in profit – while ordinary people struggle every day to pay their energy bills, and the climate crisis takes its toll on communities across the UK.

“The Climate Change Committee’s latest report shows some movement in the right direction towards trying to keep us all safe, but the truth is we’re not moving nearly fast enough. Stalling progress means we all have higher bills in cold and leaky homes, while wildfires, extreme heat and flooding put lives and livelihoods at risk. The best time for action was years ago – the next best time is now.

“We need urgent action to bring down the cost of electricity more widely, to reduce household bills and keep us all safe from the growing threat from the climate crisis. Instead of handing fossil fuel giants a licence to keep profiting from climate destruction, or wasting money on slow and expensive

nuclear projects, now is the time for a national push to roll out energy efficiency, heat pumps, solar panels and battery storage for our homes.

“Crucially, it’s time for the government to stop throwing money at the fossil fuel industry and instead make big polluters like Shell and BP pay up. Currently the government subsidises the fossil fuel industry to the tune of a staggering [£17.5 billion](#) per year – it’s time to pull the plug and put that money into lowering bills instead.”

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[Greens denounce “Britannia Card” as Reform UK’s latest wheeze to prop up the super wealthy](#)

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Reacting to [Reform UK’s plans for a “Britannia Card”](#) which would offer wealthy foreigners and returning British expats a bespoke tax regime in exchange for a one-off payment of £250,000 – with all funds collected redistributed to Britain’s lowest-paid workers – Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay MP said:

“Nigel Farage’s latest wheeze to prop up the super wealthy, dressed up as helping the poorest, would result in an [estimated loss of a whopping £34bn to the Treasury](#). Rather than enabling the super-rich to buy their way out of paying UK tax, the Green Party would tax investment income as equivalent to earned income and introduce a wealth tax based on assets. This is the way to fix our public services to benefit everyone.

“This is another reminder that Reform UK is a Party run by multi-millionaires out to look after their own and with net zero interest in the rest of us. There’s nothing patriotic about a “Britannia card” that would let the ultra-wealthy avoid paying taxes and contributing to society.”

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