

2024

Table 1 - 2024 ESSH Benefits Overview				
Fund	Benefits Administered by the Department	2024 spend £ million	Supporting	Unit
SSF	Old Age Pensions	251.2	33,427	People at Year End
Tax	Income Support	78.6	5,244	Households at Year End
Tax	<i>Income Support (Special Payments)</i>	1.0		
Tax	<i>Income Support (Winter Fuel &amp; Cold Weather Bonus)</i>	1.1		
LTC	Long-term Care	84.8	1,548	Claimants at Year End
SSF	Long-term Incapacity Allowance & Invalidity Benefit	32.0	4,981	Claimants at Year End
HIF	Pharmaceutical Benefit (Cost of Drugs and Dispensing)	28.3	2,205,238	Items
HIF	<i>Pharmaceutical Benefit (Diabetes and Medical Dressings)</i>	0.8		
HIF	<i>Pharmacy Services (Incl. Flu Vaccinations)</i>	2.8		
SSF	Short Term Incapacity Allowance	19.4	530,412	Days Paid
HIF	Medical Benefits (GP Services) (incl. JQIF, Pathology)	18.4	406,214	Consultations Paid*
HIF	Health Access Scheme	1.8	9,893	Eligible persons at Year End
SSF	Survivor's Benefits	3.3	388	Claimants at Year End
SSF	Maternity/Parental Allowance	5.0	684	Claims Starting in Year**
SSF	Maternity/Parental Grant	0.6	690	Claims Paid in Year
SSF	Home Carer's Allowance	2.8	206	Carers at Year End
Tax	Christmas Bonus	0.5	4,417	Claims Paid in Year
SSF	Death Grant	0.9	860	Claims Paid in Year
Tax	Food Cost Bonus / Community Costs Bonus	1.9	3,461	Claims for the relevant Tax Year
Tax	65+ Health Scheme / Pension Plus	1.0	8,371	Claims Paid in Year
HIF	Gluten Free vouchers	0.3	468	Claimants at Year End
All	Other Benefits and Support Schemes	0.2		

\* Value (Incl. 6wk baby checks, child immunization, remote, surgery, and home visitation Excl. Single/Co Vaccinations and Pathology Items)

\*\* Value (2024 measure definition based on year claim would have first paid in)