



STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE GROUP

Statutory Functions

Data Return 10

In order to ensure that there is no duplication in submitting data to SPPG the key below indicates which data should be completed in this return. Data which is sourced from the DSF spreadsheets or DoH is indicated by colour coding.

Key to Data Items:-

	This data item is completed in the DSF spreadsheet
	This data item should be completed in this Data return 10
	Other - there is no need to complete this data item and it is sourced from DoH

DATA RETURN 10 – PoC / Directorate Family and Child Care

Please Note: Information for this section will inform the Corporate Parenting Report (CC3/02)

10 Children (NI) Order 1995
Article 18 (2)Schedule 2 Para 1, Article 18 (2)Schedule 2 Para 5(2), Article 18 (2)Schedule 2 Para 9, Article 27 (1)(2), Article 27 (1)(2), Article 27 (8), Article 35, Article 36 (1) Article 44, Article 45 (1)(2), Article 45 (3)(5)(6)(7)(8), Article 108 (1), Article 118, Article 130, Article 174, Article 175, Article 177

10.1 CHILDREN IN NEED																
10.1.1	How many Children in Need are there in your area as at 31 st March (exclude children on the caseloads of statutory mental health services)												DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet			
			<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+			Total		
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	
	Children		75	62	430	359	1746	1076	865	749	402	358		3518	2604	
	TOTAL		75	62	430	359	1746	1076	865	749	402	358		3518	2604	
Overall Total = 6122																
Please confirm that figure above includes pending referrals.																
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<i>Trend analysis and commentary (Trusts must clarify how they arrive at this total figure, and reference any likelihood of double or under representation)</i> There was a total of 6122 Children in Need in the Southern Trust as at 31 st March 2025 which is an increase of 197 from 30 th September 2024.												Data Return 10				
10.1.2	Ethnic Origin of Children in Need												DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet			
			<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+			Total		T o t a l
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	
	White		64	50	373	287	1083	720	549	475	240	221		2309	1753	4062
	Chinese		0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		3	4	7
Irish Traveller		2	1	5	4	13	16	4	4	2	1	26	26	52		
Roma Traveller		0	1	3	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	8	5	13		

	Indian	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	6	3	9	
	Pakistani	1	0	3	2	1	5	1	1	0	0	6	8	14	
	Bangladeshi	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	
	Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Black African	0	0	0	5	4	5	5	2	16	11	25	23	48	
	Black Other	0	0	5	8	17	14	5	6	6	2	33	30	63	
	Mixed Ethnic Group	3	2	8	8	25	33	11	19	10	6	57	68	125	
	Any Other Ethnic Group	4	5	17	19	33	14	6	17	7	3	67	58	125	
	Not Stated	1	3	12	23	563	264	279	223	120	113	975	626	1601	
	TOTAL	75	62	430	359	1746	1076	865	749	402	358	3518	2604	6122	
10.1.3	Religion of Children in Need														DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet
		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		T o t a l	
	Religion	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
	Roman Catholic	13	24	135	110	465	326	266	215	134	94	1013	769	1782	
	Presbyterian	2	2	11	12	56	46	37	30	19	20	125	110	235	
	Church of Ireland	2	0	6	10	54	32	33	18	14	13	109	73	182	
	Church of England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Methodist	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	4	2	6	
	Other Christian	12	8	36	28	115	105	62	89	31	38	256	268	524	
	Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Muslim	0	0	3	3	6	6	4	7	26	12	39	28	67	
	Other	3	1	16	18	30	27	15	23	5	11	69	80	149	
	Not Known	38	24	195	157	907	477	393	319	156	158	1689	1135	2824	
	Not Completed	3	1	13	7	75	33	34	28	10	9	135	78	213	
	None	2	2	15	14	37	24	17	17	5	2	76	59	135	
	Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	5	
	TOTAL	75	62	430	359	1746	1076	865	749	402	358	3518	2604	6122	
10.1.4	(a) How many children have been referred for an Assessment of Need during the reporting period i.e. 1st October – 31st March														DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet
		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total			

	Number of Children Referred	142	856	2190	1084	472	4744																																													
	(b) What was the source of referral for children referred for assessment of need during the reporting period i.e. 1 st October – 31 st March																																																			
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10.1.5	<p>How many children are currently awaiting an Assessment of Need at period end by length of wait (unallocated cases including disability as at 31st March).</p> <p>Source PMSI data on Unallocated cases – comes with child protection data.</p>							SPPG (PMSI)																																												
10.1.6	<p>How many of these Children in Need are Disabled and known to Trust Social Workers (by major category) at 31st March?</p> <p><i>Ensure any specific issues are raised in the Service level summary</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Major</th> <th><1</th> <th>0-4</th> <th>5-11</th> <th>12-15</th> <th>16+</th> <th>Total</th> <th>T</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							Major	<1	0-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	T									DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet																												
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	Disability	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	o t a l
	Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	7	2	25	18	18	13	7	5	57	38	95
	Sensory	0	0	2	0	14	6	4	5	0	3	20	14	34
	Learning	0	0	7	2	65	31	80	39	50	26	202	98	300
	Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Autism(ASD)/A DHD/Aspergers	0	0	33	11	746	272	319	194	89	69	1187	546	1733
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (With Disability)	0	0	49	15	850	327	421	251	146	103	1466	696	2162
	No Disability	75	62	381	344	896	749	444	498	256	255	2052	1908	3960
	Grand Total	75	62	430	359	1746	1076	865	749	402	358			6122
10.1.7	Disabled children known to the Trust who left school during the reporting period and the transition plans that are in place.													DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet
Age at leaving school		>16 <17		>17 <18		18+		Total		Number with Transitions in place				
Disability Type		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Physical disability		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Sensory Impairment		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Learning disability		0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1			
Chronic illness		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Autism (ASD)/ADHD/Aspergers		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2			
Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTAL		0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	1	3			
10.1.8	How many Children in Need are currently awaiting assessment or treatment with child and adolescent mental health services as at 31st March?													SPPG (PMSI)

	<i>Trend analysis and commentary (Refers to ALL i.e. tiers 2-4 children awaiting CAMHS regardless of the pathway to the waiting list)</i>																							
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10.1.10	<p>How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers</p> <p>A total of 133 Children in Need are Young Carers. This is a decrease of 17 on the numbers provided as at 30th September 2024.</p> <p>Young Carers receive a service from Action for Children.</p> <p>Armagh & Dungannon – 34, Craigavon & Banbridge – 48, Newry & Mourne – 51, making a total of 133.</p>	Data Return 10																						
10.1.11	<p>How many young people aged 16 and 17 years presented to the Trust as homeless ?</p> <p><i>This is sourced from Homeless Social Work Services within Trust.</i> <i>The detailed quarterly homeless young people's data collection template has been stood down.</i></p> <p><i>The excel data return should be completed to provide the number of young people who presented as homeless</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age</th> <th>Number of Young People who presented to the Trust as Homeless during the reporting period</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>16</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age	Number of Young People who presented to the Trust as Homeless during the reporting period	16	4	17	4	Total	8	DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet														
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10.1.16	During the period, please provide the number of children (if any) that became subject of a Supervision / Interim Supervision Order (moved from Child Protection section)													DSF- Children In Need Spreadsheet		
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CHILD PROTECTION													
<i>No data is required for items (10.2.1-10.2.8) – data sourced from SPPG quarterly Child protection Report.</i>													
(Information Dept) emails quarterly Child Protection Report to SPPG													
10.2.1	How many children are on the Child Protection Register as at 31st March?												Quarterly CP return to SPPG
		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
	Male												
	Female												
	Total												
10.2.2	How many of these children have a learning disability?												Quarterly CP return to SPPG
		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
	Learning Disability												
	Total												
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		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
	Physical Disability												
	Visually Disabled												
	Hearing Impaired												
	Total												
10.2.4	Religion of children on the Child Protection Register												Quarterly CP return to SPPG
		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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	Time on Reg	AGE												Overall TOTAL
		< 1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
	>3mts													
	3<6mts													
	6<1yr													
	1<2yr													
	2<3yrs													
	3<5yrs													
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	Total													
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10.2.10	For children on the register, how long have they spent on the Register (as at 10.2.1)?													Quarterly CP return to SPPG
	Duration		Age Groups							Total				
			Under 1 Year	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+							
	Less than 3 Months													
	3 Months < 6 Months													
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10.3 Children (NI) Order 1995

Looked After Children

10.3.1

Provide the current legal status for all Looked After Children at 31st March (excluding any who are LAC on that day only by virtue of a short break arrangement)

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Legal status	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	5	4	10	10	18	11	5	6		0	38	31	69
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									28	10	28	10	38
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	0	1	11	3	10	8	3	7	1	1	25	20	45
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									4	4	4	4	8
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 44 (6) Interim Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 50 (1) (a) Care Order	0	0	19	12	77	65	66	65	31	47	193	189	382
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	7	2	19	24	22	20	17	9	3	3	68	58	126
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	1	11	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	15	5	20
TOTAL	12	8	70	50	131	107	91	87	67	65	371	317	688

10.3.2

Religion and Ethnic origin of Looked After Children (please provide by new list of ethnic minorities)

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Religion	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Roman Catholic	5	8	46	30	83	60	61	49	29	36	224	183	407
Presbyterian	1	0	2	4	10	8	8	6	5	4	26	22	48
Church of Ireland	2	0	1	5	15	5	8	7	4	5	30	22	52
Church of England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Methodist	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	4	1	5
Other Christian	2	0	7	2	12	19	7	20	5	9	33	50	83
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	9	23	9	32
Other	1	0	3	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	10	14
Not Known	1	0	5	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	12	6	18
Not Completed	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
None	0	0	4	3	7	8	2	3	0	0	13	14	27
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	8	70	50	131	107	91	87	67	65	371	317	688

Ethnicity	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	12	8	63	44	117	90	82	77	41	53	315	272	587
Chinese	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Irish Traveller	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	5	3	8
Roma Traveller	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black African	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	16	10	19	10	29	
Black Other	0	0	0	3	4	1	1	3	1	1	6	8	14	
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	3	0	4	10	3	2	3	0	13	12	25	
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	4	2	6	
Not Stated	0	0	3	2	2	3	0	2	2	1	7	8	15	
TOTAL	12	8	70	50	131	107	91	87	67	65	371	317	688	

10.3.3

Number of Looked After Children (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 31st March

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

All Looked After Children		<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Residential	Statutory	0	0	1	0	2	1	5	3	6	10	14	14	28
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Private	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ECR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Residential Total	0	0	1	0	2	1	5	3	6	10	14	14	28
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	7	5	26	21	57	42	33	45	8	23	131	136	267
Kinship Care	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kinship Care (Friends/relatives)	4	3	34	22	66	60	40	33	20	17	164	135	299
	Unregulated (In Placement > 12 weeks and not	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	yet approved)															
	Independent Providers	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	4		
	Fostering Total	11	8	60	43	124	102	75	78	29	40	299	271	570		
	Placed at Home with Parents	1	0	5	5	3	2	11	6	9	2	29	15	44		
	Placed for Adoption (LAC Children, with a Care Order, placed with Adoptive Parents)	0	0	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	4	10		
Other Placements	Jointly Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	2	7		
	Juvenile Justice Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Supported Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	8	16		
	Tenancy Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	6		
	Unregulated Be-Spoke Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	4		
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	3			
Overall TOTAL		12	8	70	50	131	107	91	87	67	65	371	317	688		

No children above are placed in an Annex provision to a residential Home.

10.3.4

Age bands and length of time looked after for all Looked After Children at period end

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Length of time Looked After at period end	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
< 3 months	4	3	4	2	8	5	4	3	8	4	28	17	45
3 months to < 1 year	8	5	10	15	22	15	14	12	17	11	71	58	129
1 year < 3 years	0	0	39	28	44	35	12	23	14	14	109	100	209
3 years < 5 years	0	0	17	5	27	18	11	16	8	9	63	48	111
5 years < 10 years	0	0	0	0	25	31	32	22	16	18	73	71	144
10+ years	0	0	0	0	5	3	18	11	4	9	27	23	50
Total	12	8	70	50	131	107	91	87	67	65	371	317	688

10.3.5

Number of children provided with a short break during the period who become Looked After by virtue of the short break arrangement

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Name of Unit	Children/Young People																	
	<1			1-4			5-11			12-15			16+			Total		
	No. of Children	Events / Episodes	Total Overnight	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Overnight	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Overnight	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Overnight	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Overnight	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Overnight
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	71	89	10	58	84	8	68	116	29	197	289
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	50	11	139	193	16	168	201	29	345	444
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	109	139	21	197	277	24	236	317	58	542	733
Note: Information on respite should be provided for those children who received from both Foster Carers and Units. Unit 1 = Foster Carers Unit 2 = Residential																		
10.3.6	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in a hospital																	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
Facility Name				Age at Placement									Number Resident at Period End					
				Under 16			16+			Total								
Total				0			0			0			0					
10.3.7	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in an adult facility. For example Residential Care Home, Nursing Home, Private Hospital																	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
Facility Name				Age at Placement									Number Resident at Period End					
				Under 16			16+			Total								
Total				0			0			0			0					
Note: this does not apply to hostels or other accommodation which falls within the unregulated placement notifications criteria and which is noted elsewhere in this report.																		
10.3.8	(a) What facilities – statutory, voluntary and private are available to care for these Looked After Children i.e. how many places in residential homes, foster care placements																	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
Name of Residential Unit		Statutory		Voluntary		Private		No. of Beds		No of Beds available to Trust		Trust % occupancy 1.10.24 – 31.3.25		No of Respite beds		Respite % occupancy		

Woodside Adolescent Centre	Yes	No	No	5	5	85%	0	0%
Cedar Grove	Yes	No	No	5	5	77%	0	0%
Oaktree (formerly Edenvilla)	Yes	No	No	5	5	96%	0	0%
Bocombra Lodge	Yes	No	No	5	5	86%	0	0%
Cherry Grove	Yes	No	No	5	5	100%	0	0%
Bluebell	Yes	No	No	5	5	79%	0	0%

Facilities providing Short Breaks for Children with a Disability

Willowgrove	No	Yes	No	4	4	76%	3	63%
Oaklands	Yes	No	No	5	4	64%	3	64%

(b) Provide your number of foster carers (should agree with 10.5.1) **572**
 Provide the number of approved places offered (should agree with 10.5.2) **811**

10.3.9

How many Looked After Children have had placement moves throughout the period?

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Placement changes	0-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Number who moved once	17	11	19	19	9	14	15	19	60	63
Number who moved twice	4	2	3	1	2	5	0	0	9	8
Number who moved 3 times	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	4	2
Number who moved 4 times or more	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	5	3
Total	23	13	24	21	13	20	18	22	78	76

Trust must provide an explanation of actions taken to reduce placement moves during the period.
 Count all moves i.e.as per COR12 report.

Placement moves unfortunately occur at times for a variety of reasons. These can be a mixture of planned moves from short term to long term/permanent placements, unavailability of a carer through illness or family circumstances or placement breakdown.

There continue to be significant challenges with finding new placements for young people, especially those with more complex needs who require higher levels of support. The Trust continues to provide additional levels of outreach and intensive

support to these vulnerable young people and their carers. The Trust continues to work in conjunction with carers to identify which supports work best and to be innovative/creative in how we deliver the optimum support to ensure they remain in their placement. In conjunction with this, for the small number of complex young people have experienced the most moves, the Trust has engaged support from the Scaffold Therapeutic service to assist carers with strategies and techniques to manage the challenges, as well as with the young people to help them develop better coping strategies. These are normally intense pieces of work involving the multi-disciplinary teams. Planning is currently taking place for the small number of younger children who require to be more intensely supported and where a family placement is not assessed as being the best placement for them currently. This will require investment from SPPG in terms of moving proposals forward.

Each young person requiring a move is referred to the Trust’s Resource Panel for consideration of the most appropriate placement. Whilst every effort continues to be made to match the young person to an appropriate placement, this is not always achievable if an emergency move is required. The Permanence Panel provides advice and guidance regarding timely permanence planning for each young person to ensure that the appropriate long term placement option is identified as soon as possible.

The Trust also continues to convene Risk Management and Professional Network/Planning meetings to proactively and collaboratively consider the young person’s holistic needs and respond appropriately.

10.3.10

(a) How many Looked After Children are awaiting assessment or treatment with child and adolescent mental health services at 31st March?

There were 6 Looked After Children awaiting assessment or treatment with CAMHS as at 31st March 2025.

(b) How many Looked After Children have been referred for therapeutic services and their waiting time.

Referrals	Foster Care (nonkin/traditional)	Kinship Foster Care	Residential Care	Young People Exiting Care	Post Adoption Support	TOTAL
Total Number of Referrals received this period	30	18	4	17	12	81
Source of these referrals received from						
Child’s Social Worker	30	18	4	17	12	81
Carer’s Social Worker	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoptive parents	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
FACTSNI	0	0	0	0	0	0

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Referrals Accepted	30	18	4	17	12	81
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of referrals signposted to another service						
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post Adoption Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children engaged with the Service by substantive placement						
Number of children engaged with the Service at period start date	82	27	26	6	55	196
Number of children seen on a once off basis during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children discharged from Service during the period	19	15	3	4	14	55
Number of children transferred to another Service during the period:						
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post Adoptive Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children engaged with the Service at period end date	81	24	26	9	55	195
Service delivery during the period						
Number of Reviews undertaken	1559					
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	5					
Number on waiting list at end of period	12					
Number of DNAs during the period	48					
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	42					
For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average	43					

length of involvement (weeks)						
Total	1709					

Consultations provided by the Service during the period			
	Number	Number which were repeat	
Social worker	71	0	
CAMHS	0	0	
DAMS	0	0	
Teacher	0	0	
Psychiatry	0	0	
GP	0	0	
Carers/adoptive parents	0	0	
One off	13	0	

(c) Please provide actions taken to reduce waiting time.

The Trust has a statutory responsibility to ensure that all children in care have a statutory medical examination completed within the required timescales.

The Trust ensures that children admitted into care for the first-time have an initial health assessment completed by the three-month Child in Care Review. The health assessment provides a valuable baseline assessment of the child’s health at the point of entry into care. The health assessment includes a health plan that clearly identifies any unmet health needs, the actions required, and the person responsible for ensuring actions are carried out within the agreed timescales. The health assessment contributes to the holistic assessment of the child’s needs and aims to promote good multi-disciplinary communication. The health assessment is made available at the Child in Care Reviews. The health assessment and health plan is reviewed and updated every six months for children under the age of 5 years and annually for children over the age of 5 years, where there is active health visiting or school nursing interventions.

A health appraisal is offered to all children in care aged between 12-15 years of age. The health Appraisal enables the child to have their health reviewed annually by either a School Nurse or Specialist Nurse for Care Experienced Children and any unmet health needs addressed. The information is recorded on the Child Health System.

The Trust ensures that all children in care are easily identified on the Child Health System, and this helps alert the Health Professionals that there is a child in care.

The Trust also implements the Southern Health and Social Care Trust’s ‘Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked after Children - Policy and Standards for Looked after Children for Health Visitors, School Nurses and the Specialist Nurse for Looked after Children’ Document (2017). The document is aligned with the Regional Guidance Document - ‘Promoting the health and wellbeing of Looked

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To complete a medical, two consecutive appointments need to be provided by the GP. As GP Services are already under pressure, statutory medicals are not deemed a priority. Some GP practices also do not offer statutory medicals. Social Work staff continue to work closely with GP Surgeries to try and secure medicals, or they have been linking in with school health for a full assessment. There are also some young people who attend for regular review with Community Paediatrics which is another suitable alternative.

The Trust has a Scaffold Consultation and Therapeutic Service, which provides specialist input to support the emotional and psychological wellbeing of children in care. This service aims to support staff in addressing the complex health needs of children in care and to encourage innovative practice that will ultimately improve their health outcomes. The Scaffold Consultation and Therapeutic Service comprises of Psychology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Primary Mental Health, and Specialist Nursing staff. Input is provided to adopted children and their families, children in foster and residential care, and young people who receive aftercare services. Inputs include direct therapeutic work, training, and consultation, and support to staff and carers.

The Trust has a Specialist Nurse for Care Experienced Children. The Specialist Nurse for Care Experienced Children`s role and remit is to:-

- Provide advice, guidance, and information on a wide range of health-related issues to children in care (aged 11 to 18);
- Provide advice, guidance, and information on a wide range of health-related issues to Carers, Social Workers, and other Professionals;
- Provide direct individual or group work in relation to health-related issues;
- Provide and annually review health assessments and health plans for all young people in residential care;
- Promote understanding of the health needs of children in care by providing input into induction training for newly appointed Health Visitors and School Nurses and for Nursing/Health Visiting/School Nursing Students;
- Develop practice and support systems focusing on the health needs of children in care.

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<p>10.3.15</p>	<p>(a) Did each Looked After Child receive a statutory visit by their allocated and named social worker at least once a month during the period? No.</p> <p>(b) If no, give number of children and provide an update in the service summary on current position and actions taken.</p> <p>There were 193 statutory visits not undertaken during the reporting period, a further 70 statutory visits were undertaken by a Social Worker who was not the named/allocated Social Worker. The maximum number of Looked After Children who did not receive a statutory visit by their allocated and named social worker at least once a month during this period was 119.</p> <p>Whilst every effort is made to ensure that statutory visits are carried out by the child's own Social Worker sometimes this does not occur. Where this is not possible, due to staff illness or absence, the visit will be carried out by another Social Worker. At times visits may have to be rearranged due to illness of the carer or child or life events such as bereavement or house move. In recent months, statutory visits have not taken place due to cases being deallocated within some of the teams in the Children in Care service. Recruitment has continued to be slow to CYPS in general and there continues to be periods of long term sick leave by some staff.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as noted, there remain unallocated cases within the Children in Care</p>	<p>DSF – LAC Spreadsheet</p>

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<p>10.3.17</p>	<p>Was the case of each Looked After Child reviewed in line with Statutory requirements? No.</p> <p>If No, please provide number and explain actions taken to address this issue.</p> <p>A total of 564 Looked after reviews took place within this period.</p> <p>33 LAC Reviews were held outside the statutory timescales during the reporting period (5.9%).</p> <p>The Care Plan for each child in care is formally reviewed as per statutory requirements, and many are reviewed more frequently than the statutory minimum depending on Care Plan and specific individual need. The Trust employs three Independent Chairpersons, as well as two permanent Service Managers within Children in Care, who are responsible for chairing all child in care reviews and case conferences. This number has increased as three Service Managers have been employed within FIT who have operational and some chairing responsibilities.</p> <p>Child in Care reviews are generally held in accordance with required timeframes. The Trust continues to offer reviews in a virtual format to provide attendees with an alternative opportunity to attend. Parents are being encouraged to attend in person although most are choosing to continue to attend virtually.</p> <p>Reasons for reviews not occurring within timescales include family requests for a different date, availability of key personnel, delays in expert assessments being received by the Trust which are key in assisting decision-making and Team Leaders/Social Workers being required urgently at Court. Unfortunately, staffing pressures are now adding to delay. Those children whose cases are deallocated have not been reviewed within timescales. As noted, the Trust remains committed to reallocating children and families in as short a time frame as possible. When that occurs the child’s review meeting should take place. Unfortunately, as noted,</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>

	<p>reallocation has been slower than anticipated due to ongoing staffing issues and increasing numbers of children in care. However, the governance arrangements in relation to unallocated children within the Children in Care Service have recently been reviewed and strengthened and all unallocated cases are now in the process of having Child in Care reviews completed to ensure there is nothing outstanding in relation to care planning.</p>	
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<p>10.3.20</p>	<p>Is there an adequate supply of placements for children to enable placement choice? No (If no, Please explain)</p> <p><u>Children with Disability (CWD)</u></p> <p>Regionally there has been increased demand for family support, short breaks, residential care and transitions support across services for children with disabilities. For some time, demand has outstripped supply with a substantial number of families on waiting lists and a growing number of children on the edge of care. The pressures in support for children with disabilities has also attracted recent significant attention in the media. In response to the growing need, the DoH Minister announced on 23rd October 24 plans to improve services for children with disabilities (CWD). The plans involved increasing short breaks capacity and residential provision alongside expanding family, therapeutic and behavioural supports in the community. The funding provided up to £13.1m a year regionally and for the Southern Trust this equates to £2.662m FYE additional funding available and an additional £0.278m within this reporting period.</p> <p>The Southern Trust CWD service plan to provide a mix of proposals in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing residential provisions (five proposals) • Increasing short breaks (fourteen proposals) • Providing family support (eighteen proposals) <p>These proposals will be provided via statutory, independent and community and voluntary providers.</p> <p><u>Residential short breaks</u></p> <p>The CWD service continues to maintain adequate numbers of placements in relation to short breaks. There remains an average of 2 to 3 beds available per night for up to 7 nights per week in Oaklands, and whilst the average is 2 to 3 beds 6 nights per week in Willowgrove (managed for the Trust by Barnardos) this has not been the case in this reporting timeframe. Willowgrove were open 7 nights per week in this period due to the emergency full time placement of a child who could only be placed with one other child or at times of dysregulation on their own with a core team.</p> <p>Whilst both units have physical capacity for 4 beds, they are unable to accommodate the full number on any night. Reasons for this remain as before</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>

including 2:1 staffing required for some children, prolonged placements for some children who require additional nights to alleviate home pressures and avoid fulltime admission to care, and a small number of children who require overnight accommodation on their own. Whilst Staff recruitment and retention has improved in the previous six months it remains an area of concern as experienced by many service areas and can impact on provision at times also.

The increasing demand for overnight provision continues and an increasing number of families continue to require a high level of weekly overnight provision to ensure they do not require a longer-term placement. There remains a waiting list for all overnight residential provisions. In (October 2024) there were 19 children waiting on a residential short break place and at the end of March 2025 there are 23 children awaiting an overnight placement despite a small number of children being admitted to both services from the waiting list.

Furthermore, additionality was provided through the in-year DoH funding via a variety of short breaks overnights from January 25 to March 25. This resulted in an additional 18 overnights in Oaklands, 20 additional nights from voluntary provider Barnardos with a bespoke residential event for young people known to 6th Sense and a further bespoke 12 nights provided via Incredible voluntary organization. Plans for the next financial year will consider increased funding to both Statutory and voluntary providers to increase the number and range of short break overnight options for families.

Short Breaks fostering

The Short Breaks Team continues to work to increase the number of Short Breaks carers for CWD services and attracted 51 potential carers (people expressing an interest in response to promotion) during the reporting period. The majority of these expressions of interest (40) occurred during February and March 2025 due to a new recruitment initiative spanning social media, outdoor advertising and a radio advert. This was made possible by additional monies announced by the Health Minister 23rd October 2024 to increase the level of short breaks and overnight provision for children with a disability. This proves that this type of investment and approach yields clear results and increases the visibility of short breaks fostering.

The Fostering Panel approved 2 new short break foster carers for children with a disability during this time frame and 3 carers were deregistered. Short Breaks Team personnel are involved in regional workstreams for children with a disability looking at ways to recruit and retain. A Short Breaks Position Paper completed by the SHSCT Short Breaks Team has been central in guiding SPPG and the DoH in planning how to harmonise services regionally and ensure consistent service delivery. Collaboration with mainstream fostering and closer working arrangements and sharing of resources has helped in this regard.

There is a continued and sustained need for foster placements that can manage children with complex needs or behaviours that challenge, and this remains a priority. The recent recruitment campaign has actively targeted fee-paid carers who can fulfil this role. This includes the need for placements in relation to children with

ASD and/ or mental health presentation, who require short breaks or long-term placements to ensure their needs are met. There is also a growing need for shared-care type placements for children who require more than short breaks, and this is an area that the service is focused on.

Four full-time specialist placements are provided by fee-paid carers continue to care for 5 children with complex needs (one couple have 2 full-time placements for children). Child specific recruitment campaigns continue to attract carers for children with individual needs, however the numbers of prospective carers responding to these requests remains low.

Short breaks fostering figures have decreased from the previous reporting period in terms of the number of overnights provided which were 274 nights for this period. This equates to 23 children receiving a service and represents a 19% decrease in the number of nights provided. The reasons for this include one of the carers taking on a full-time child which reduced the number of short breaks available. Another child transferred to adult services (8 overnights per month) and the introduction of new children takes time as it has to be conducted in a child-centred manner. Some carers were unavailable due to illness/bereavement and 3 were de-registered. One carer commenced a role with Family Placement services and one carer is on a break. One placement broke down and one child no longer wanted to avail of short breaks in addition to carers on annual leave. This demonstrates the complexity and challenges of running this type of service and maintaining or increasing service provision. The service has subsequently decreased from previously providing 56% of the assessed need to 47% of demand within the reporting period. The waiting list for overnight short breaks has varied between 22 – 25 children and there are 24 children on the waiting list at the time of writing. There remains a substantial waiting list for both residential and short breaks fostering placements that cannot be met within current provision. Unmet need therefore continues to be an issue that all of the services continually focus on. Access to short breaks is managed via a Trust Resource panel and is assessment based.

CWD Residential Care

Bluebell House continues to provide a therapeutic long term out of home placement for up to 5 young children. During the reporting period, there were 3 young people residents in Bluebell House with the admission of a new young person in early March 2025 bringing total occupancy to 4. In addition to this, there remains a small number of children on the “edge of care”, who may require a shared care or full-time care placement in the near future. Those children will be matched with existing placements in Residential if their Care Plan indicates this as the best match for the child.

Bluebell remains a very challenging care environment due to the complexity of the needs of the young people and the Trust continues to progress a service improvement plan.

This residential resource continues to ensure that the Southern Trust provides care for all children Looked after without having to avail of Extra Contractual Requirements/out of jurisdiction placements.

Family Placement

The Family Placement service continues to experience challenges in meeting the level of placement requests across all age groups with limited availability for matching within our existing cohort of carers. The Family Placement Team manage all fostering requests for children requiring placements. Requests for planned placements are managed through the Resource Panel, however there are still a significant number of requests for emergency placements.

There continues to be consistent demand for placement of children with complex trauma presentations which create significant challenges for foster families volunteering and balancing existing commitments. Many carers feel unable to offer placements due to the level of risk they are being asked to manage but more importantly, the impact such behaviours may have on their own children, working arrangements and lifestyle. There are an increased number of children and young people who have ASD/ADHD diagnosis or are undergoing assessments re same and foster carers often have busy homes and do not have the skills or appropriate environment to offer these young people the support they require.

There continues to be demand for sibling group placements and this on occasion requires additional bedroom space, which is not always available in many foster homes. Although sibling groups was an area specifically targeted in October 24 within recruitment, placements for sibling groups together are not always feasible.

Despite continued, regional, recruitment campaigns there is a reduction in enquires regionally, although SHSCT appear to be performing better in this regard. Foster carers are involved in co-production approaches to recruitment and delivery of services and are keen to continue to offer ongoing support to any new recruitment initiatives. SHSCT has focused on amplifying any local relationships and sought to create increased partnerships with specific employers, sporting partnerships and schools. Family Placement staff continue to collaborate with colleagues from STAY Supported Lodgings and the Children with Disability Short Breaks service in pooling resources, exploring new approaches and maximising connections. This coordinated approach is very beneficial when trying to identify appropriate placements.

The Service continues to face challenges in identifying placements for a very small number of younger children with complex needs. In response to this, the Family Placement Service has endeavoured to develop bespoke, support packages for these children to flexibly respond to this need and manage within own Trust resources. The reconfiguration of a Trust residential unit to provide placements for a small number of younger children has been a positive development and works alongside Intensive Support Scheme and Scaffold to consider how to best meet the needs of these children in the long term. The Intensive Support Fostering Scheme offers 25 placements to meet the needs of children and young people with more complex presentations, using a therapeutic parenting model and offering trauma informed care.

In addition, Bail Fostering scheme has been developed and has successfully been able to facilitate short term placements and allow planned move on options to be explored. The scheme has however been required to absorb placements with

	<p>increased challenge and complexity.</p> <p>The Trust has been successful in recruiting carers from child specific campaigns and these are identified and managed through the established, Bolster matching service. The use of additional supports and models of working such as Non-violent Resistance have been helpful in terms of supporting carers with complexity.</p> <p>Whilst there continues to be challenges in securing for placements for teenagers and younger children with more complex needs, there has also been an increase in requests for baby placements. The service on occasion can struggle to identify suitable placement due to the need of a carer to be at home and have availability to manage high levels of contact. To respond to this need there is an excellent working relationship between fostering and adoption services and a focus on appropriate placement identification ensuring children are placed in matched placements preventing multiple moves.</p> <p>Finally, two growing areas of need are the increased demand for short breaks/respite support and the level of complexity and placement disruption in kinship foster care. Given the complexity of the presentation of some children, commitment of carers and increased requests for them to stretch their capacity, some exemptions have been granted, but additionally foster carers are requesting increased rates of respite in order to be able to manage. This has created increased demand within the service. Secondly, Family Placement are required to explore increasingly complex kinship arrangements both to best meet the needs of the children and maintain them in the care of wider family networks. One particular kinship placement is providing care to 7 siblings, but there are more frequent examples of 4 to 5 children placed. There is a marked increase in the level of support and supervision for these placements to maintain safe care but also even with that there is a percentage of placement disruptions.</p>	
10.3.21	<p>How many exceptions to the normal fostering limit were made to foster care approvals in order for a child to be placed in an emergency in the reporting period?</p> <p>8 exceptions to the normal fostering limit.</p> <p>As part of this process, a detailed report is required from the supervising social worker outlining the plans for each child in placement. The placement is risk assessed and appropriate supports agreed for the period the additional child/children are in placement. This is approved by Senior Manager/HOS and Assistant Director and then presented to the next available Family Placement panel. Should the placement be required for a further period the matter will return to the fostering panel for review. Periods of exemption are maintained for the shortest period possible.</p>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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10.3.23	<p>How many children are deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs? (Please explain)</p>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

There is currently 1 child who is in an inappropriate placements. Whilst there are several children in very short term/bridging placements and do require a potential move to meet their identified needs, their needs have been able to be met in the immediate. Out of Hours Service and Use of 28 day bed agreements have been helpful in a small number of cases to allow time for planning and matching and prevent multiple and frequent transitions.

10.3.24 Please provide the number of restraints carried out by staff on young people within **each** Home during the period.

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Name of Home: BOCOMBRA								
	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: CEDAR GROVE								
	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints		0	0	0	0	1	0	1

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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Name of Home: CHERRY GROVE

	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Name of Home: OAKTREE (formerly EDENVILLA)								
	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
How many individual children does this return refer to	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Name of Home: WOODSIDE Adolescent Centre, Armagh								
	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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<p>10.3.25</p>	<p>Do all looked after children have a concurrent plan by the time of their first 3 month statutory LAC Review ? No.</p> <p>The permanence needs of all Children in Care are considered at each Child in Care Review meeting and in line with the Regional Permanence Policy. The majority of Children in Care have a Care Plan of rehabilitation from their initial review although some will have a concurrent plan from the outset based on, for example, the outcome of a Pre-birth Risk Assessment and the history of previous Trust involvement.</p> <p>The permanence needs of each child in care are proactively addressed from the 3 month review onwards and each child is referred to the Permanence Panel after that review. Concurrent planning is put in place when the needs of the child and the likelihood of rehabilitation determine it as the most appropriate Care Plan at that stage. Furthermore, additional specific issue reviews have been convened when immediate care planning issues required attention.</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>																																																																																																																																										
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(b) Looked After Children Care Plan Change from Adoption to Long-Term Fostering. During the period 1/4/24 - 31/3/25

i) How many Looked After Children who previously had a care plan of adoption agreed at a Looked After Child Review, had this care plan changed to long term fostering via a Looked After Child Review?

	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
i) Number of Children	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

ii) Of this number at 10.3.26 (b), how many care plans were changed to Long term fostering due to no suitable adoptive placement being identified.

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	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
ii) Number of Children	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

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10.3.29 (a) How many Looked After Children are involved in offending behaviour (are formally cautioned or convicted)

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Age	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16		17		TOTAL		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Cautioned					0	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	4	3	7
Remanded					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convicted					0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	3
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	2	7	3	10

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Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	4	10	4	10

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		0		4		10	
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Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	2	12	2	12	4	24
Breach of Bail	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	5
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
Other	0	0	2	6	0	0	2	6
Total	0	0	2	27	2	12	4	39

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		2		2		4	
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OAKTREE (formerly EDENVILLA)

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	3	6	0	0	0	0	3	6
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Criminal Damage within Placement	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Assault within Placement	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	9

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WOODSIDE ADOLESCENT CENTRE, ARMAGH

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events	No. of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	4	13	4	13
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	4	13	4	13

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10.3.35	<p>Number of children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more by category</p> <p>There were no children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more.</p>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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10.3.36	<p>(a) Number of Sibling groups accommodated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together • Not accommodated together at period end <p>Together – 81 sibling groups, relating to 179 children. Not accommodated together – 84 sibling groups, relating to 240 children.</p> <p>New admissions siblings group placed together is 3, which relates to 7 children. New admissions siblings group not placed together is 3, which relates to 3 children.</p> <p>The Trust strives to place siblings together but this is not always achievable or appropriate for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortage of residential/fostering placements • Individual needs of young people cannot be met in one placement 	Data Return 10
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Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	3	3	4	5	12	7	3	10	0	0	22	25	47
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	9	12	9	21
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	1	2	1	1	6	1	2	3	0	0	10	7	17
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 44 (6) Interim Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 50 (1) (a) Care Order	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	3	1	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	6	12
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	9	6	7	10	22	11	8	13	15	9	61	49	110

(b) (i) Were these admissions planned, unplanned or emergency;

For each of the above totals how many of these were:-	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Planned	7	4	1	5	5	4	1	4	1	1	15	18	33
Unplanned	1	1	1	3	7	4	5	4	12	6	26	18	44

Emergency	1	1	5	2	10	3	2	5	2	2	20	13	33
Total	9	6	7	10	22	11	8	13	15	9	61	49	110

(ii) Of those that were unplanned or emergency how many were admitted to kinship foster care? **30**

(iii) Of those unplanned or emergency admissions how many were admitted by RESWS? **3**

10.3.41

During the period how many children or young people ceased to be Looked After by age, gender and length of time looked after at discharge

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Length of time Looked After prior to discharge	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under 2 weeks	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	2	3	3	10	13
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	3	4	7
6 weeks < 3 Months	0	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	6	4	10
3 Months < 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	4
6 Months < 1 Year	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	3	3	6
1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	3	6	6	10	16
2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	5	4	2	2	2	0	2	2	11	8	19
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	6	6	12
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	5	2	7
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Total	0	0	14	9	5	10	6	10	21	21	46	50	96

10.3.42

(a) Of all the children and young people reported at 10.3.41 what was their destination at discharge by age and gender

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Destination	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Returned to Parents/Siblings	0	0	5	3	1	6	2	10	4	3	12	22	34
Returned to family/Relatives/friends	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	0	3	2	10	4	14
Adopted	0	0	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	8	17

Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)										7	7	7	7	14
Foster Carers (GEM)										4	6	4	6	10
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects										1	2	1	2	3
Bed + Breakfast										0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, Foyer										0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings										1	0	1	0	1
Prison, Hospital										0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	
Total	0	0	14	9	5	10	6	10	21	21	46	50	96	

(b) Of those 16+ year olds who ceased to be Looked After during the period what was their entitlement to Leaving Care Services by age and gender

Category	16		17		18		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Number entitled to access Leaving Care Services	2	4	16	15	1	0	19	19	38
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	4
Total	3	4	17	17	1	0	21	21	42

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10.3.44 (a) Please provide the total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period.

13 children became subject of a Residence Order during the period.

For (a) above please give the number of children that were formerly placed with Stranger (Foster Carers), Kinship (Foster Carers), Residential Care or other placement.

Placement	No. of Children
Stranger (Foster Carers)	0
Kinship (Foster Carers)	13
Residential Care	0

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

10.4 CHILDREN (LEAVING CARE) ACT (NI) 2002

Article 34E, Article 34F

10.4.1

Number of young people subject to Leaving Care Act by category, age and gender.

DSF-16+ Spreadsheet

Category	Male						T o t a l M a l e	Female						T o t a l F e m a l e	T O T A L
	16	17	18	19	20	21+		16	17	18	19	20	21+		
Eligible	26	33					59	27	34					61	120
Relevant	1	1					3	0	0					0	2
Former Relevant			45	34	25	12	116			36	19	24	28	107	223
Qualifying	0	0	0	1	02	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	27	34	45	35	25	14	180	27	34	36	19	24	28	168	348

10.4.2

Of those eligible young people reported at 10.4.1 give the Children Order Legal Status at period end.

DSF-16+ Spreadsheet

Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	10	27	37
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	40	40	80
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	2	0	2
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	1	0	1
Total	53	67	120

Age reference table will automatically update as spreadsheets completed.

Category	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total
Eligible	53	67	0	0	0	0	120
Relevant	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Former Relevant	0	0	81	53	49	40	223
Qualifying	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Total	54	68	81	54	49	42	348

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10.4.9

Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what are their living arrangements at period end? Please complete for

(a) Eligible;

Placement Type	16	17	Total
Foster Placement (Stranger)	16	14	30
Foster Placement (Kinship)	19	15	34
At Home In Care	6	3	9
Residential Children's Home	5	8	13
Secure Care	0	0	0
Specialist Residential Placement (NI/UK)	0	0	0
Supported Lodgings/STAY	2	2	4
Hospital	0	1	1
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	3	3
Unregulated Placement	5	20	25
Other	0	1	1
Total	53	67	120

(b) Relevant;

Living Arrangements	16	17	Total
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	0	0	0
At Home with Parents/Siblings	1	0	1
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0
Relatives/friends	0	0	0
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	1	1
Supported Board and Lodgings	0	0	0
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	0	0
Prison	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	1	1	2

(c) Former Relevant;

Living Arrangements	18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	31	13	10	11	65
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	13	14	20	15	62
At Home with Parents/Siblings	8	5	9	4	26
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	4	7	0	0	11
Relatives/friends	10	1	4	1	16
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	4	1	0	0	5
Supported Board and Lodgings	5	3	3	2	13

	Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	0	3	6	9	
	Prison	1	1	0	0	2	
	Other	5	8	0	1	14	
	Total	81	53	49	40	223	
	(d) Qualifying young people.						
	Living Arrangements	16	17	18	19	20	21+ Total
	Former Foster Carers (GEM)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	1	0	1
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10.4.10	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what is their current education, training and employment status, and how many are being supported financially at period end?						
	(a) Eligible;						
		16	17	Total	No. Receiving Financial support		
	Secondary Level Education	40	6	46	18		
	Further Education	4	23	27	21		
	Training (Govt. sponsored training)	2	12	14	14		
	Pre-Vocational	2	15	17	5		
	Employment	0	6	6	0		
	ETE Inactive	5	4	9	1		
	Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0		
	Other(Sick/Disabled, Parent, Carer)	0	1	1	0		
	Total	53	67	120	59		
	(b) Relevant;						
		16	17	Total	No. Receiving Financial support		

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Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0
Further Education	0	0	0	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0
ETE Inactive	1	1	2	1
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	2	1

(c) Former Relevant;

ETE Status	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	1	1	0	0	2	0
Further Education	22	11	1	2	36	26
Higher Education	3	1	8	20	32	32
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	9	11	4	0	24	17
Pre-Vocational	11	5	2	3	21	10
Employment	12	10	22	4	48	12
ETE Inactive	21	13	10	9	53	33
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	1	1	1	2	5	5
Other	1	0	1	0	2	1
Total	81	53	49	40	223	136

(d) Qualifying young people.

ETE Status	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Further Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higher Education	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ETE Inactive	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
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Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	1

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(b) Please give the number of other foster carers;

Other Foster carers	No. of Carers
Independent Provider Foster Carers	3
Carers providing care only to children with a disability and who are not available to provide care for Looked After Children	16
Total	19

(c) Please give a breakdown of the number of foster carers de-registered during the period and the reason;

No. of Foster Carers de-registered during the period*, by reason.	Kinship Carers	Non Kinship Carers	No. of Carers De-registered	Total No. of places De-registered
Carer has adopted or been granted a residence order	1	13	14	23
No longer wishing to foster	4	9	13	16
Retired/phased out	0	1	1	1
Deregistered following concerns re: care of child/ren	2	0	2	3

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10.5.3	<p>How many foster carers have annual reviews outstanding?</p> <p>There are 20 annual reviews outstanding at the end of the reporting period.</p> <p>6 carer checks outstanding 5 staff sickness 6 SW pressures 1 awaiting De registration 1 Not progressed due to carers specific circumstances 1 Carer GEM only not available</p> <p>Please provide the number of viability visits undertaken during the reporting period. (moved from 10.5.1f)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Viability Visits</th> <th>Joint Visits</th> <th>Visits completed by Child's Social Worker</th> <th>Visits completed by Supervising Social Worker</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>39</td> <td>30</td> <td>0</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: Joint Visit - Child's social worker and supervising social worker Single Visit completed by Child's Social Worker</p>				Viability Visits	Joint Visits	Visits completed by Child's Social Worker	Visits completed by Supervising Social Worker	39	30	0	9	<p>Data return 10</p> <p>DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet</p>
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10.5.4	<p>Please provide specific actions being taken by the Trust to ensure outstanding reviews are completed.</p> <p>Managers continue to ensure reviews are completed in a timely manner and these are constantly updated through supervision, and agreed action plan re circumstances of carer at that time and timescales agreed to progress. Unfortunately there was some staff sick leave and some maternity leaves and vacant posts during the reporting period thus some delay in completing annual reviews. However with staff now in post or returning from leave these reviews will be progressed as soon as possible. There is also ongoing discussion regarding the difficulty in accessing medicals thus creating delay. Processes are in place to establish direct relationships with medical providers to have them created in the most timely way. In addition, a process of reviewing recording and bureaucratic processes is being explored to allow increased focus on essential tasks and statutory work.</p>	Data return 10
10.5.5	<p>What action is being taken to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care places</p> <p>The Trust Family Placement Recruitment Service continues to use every opportunity to promote the need for foster carers, primarily using social media and by having a continued presence in the local communities. The Regional recruitment group meets on a three-weekly basis, all Trusts have a recruitment planner in place to identify activities happening in each Trust area for the coming year and SHSCT meets as a collective service every four weeks for recruitment and every four weeks for retention. In this reporting period the Recruitment service has been involved in several initiatives sharing personal experiences of fostering for both carers and the young people and amplifying the impact for outcomes. Whilst the representatives for the Foster Care Support Groups are identified as key support people, other foster carers have supported the sharing of information in their area. The 'Refer a Friend' scheme is designed to reward foster carers who recruit additional carers.</p> <p>In conjunction with the regional fostering and adoption services there the ongoing development of partnerships with sporting organisations, Education and Home for Good/Churches. The approach requires continuous and innovative, recruitment initiatives constantly exploring new avenues of promoting the message within the locality area e.g. use of social media influencers, further development of podcast interviews. SHSCT have produced a robust recruitment plan for the coming months to ensure the fostering message is ever present in the community.</p>	Data return 10

Family Placement Volunteer Mentor Scheme is now well established for those individuals who cannot foster due to family commitments or accommodation issues. Whilst this does not create immediate capacity, it has allowed the increase supports to placements that are fragile and under pressure. It is of note that a small number of these volunteers are considering undertaking full fostering assessments but it is likely that increased ways of expanding this are required to maximise supports.

There are ongoing challenges in recruiting carers for children with highly complex needs and we are continuing to explore what supports are required to manage such placements. There are also separate monthly network meetings which explore the supports in place or needed for currently approved carers and their families. However, it is envisaged that the introduction of FITC model and increased therapeutic support model will be helpful in scaffolding placements and creating a better standard of care. Work is ongoing in respect of the NIFITC model of therapeutic care and the next step on this journey is to commence training in relation to same with staff within the Family Placement service as well as the staff and carers within the Intensive Support Scheme in the hope that having trauma informed staff and carers will lead to better outcomes for children and young people. Regular contact is maintained between the Scaffold service and the Fostering Training co-ordinator in considering future training needs for foster carers.

The retention of foster carers also provides a form of recruitment therefore the Trust continue to have an active role with the retention group. Foster carers in the Southern Trust have voiced their views in respect of support and have highlighted the importance of regular opportunities for social connection, including family days at key times of the year, regular coffee mornings and well-being initiatives, such as walking groups. Events took place at Halloween, and Christmas but additional days are being planned in conjunction with the Foster Care Support Groups.

Under the Children's Social Services Strategic Reform Board, a specific work stream has been established with a focus on fostering which will consider recruitment, retention as well as a fee paid structure and ultimately the development of a regional fostering strategy.

Placements for asylum seeking young people continues to be an ongoing need and pressure for the Trust given the increased referrals. Given the age range of these young people is mainly 16/17 years, many have been placed within supported accommodation through 14+ services. There are, on occasions, requests for foster placements for asylum seeking children under 16 years, and as such we continue to

	<p>maintain this as a priority as part of the recruitment process.</p> <p>The Southern Trust’s partnership with Home for Good is delivering the fostering message to Church based communities throughout the Trust. There are also ongoing links with the Catholic Church, and opportunity to have a presence to promote fostering after church services. Social media continues to be a powerful tool in promoting fostering in the community and the recruitment team share and post a range of photographs and stories discussing and exploring the role of foster carers.</p> <p>Training courses for Skills to Foster and Preparation to Adopt are now well established within the Trust and these programmes continue to be delivered on a regular basis. Family Placement Panels have continued to approve applicants both in terms of Kinship and stranger foster carers. Given the demands and pressures on stranger placements, we are seeing a significant rise in the number of Kinship carer placements. While this is a positive, in that children can remain with family, there are occasions where such placements require a robust support package to ensure the children’s needs are prioritised. As in other years, several carers have left the service and staff completed an exit strategy meeting to ensure their views about the services are collated and used for any future learning.</p>	
<p>10.6</p>	<p>(a) Please provide the number of Allegations made against Foster carers during 1/10/24 - 31/3/25</p> <p>There were 3 allegations against foster carers during this reporting period.</p> <p>(b) Please provide the number of Complaints made against Foster carers during the period 1/10/24 - 31/3/25</p> <p>There were 0 complaints made against foster carers during this reporting period.</p>	<p>DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet</p>

10.5 PRIVATE FOSTERING The Children Order (NI) 1995 - Part X NB Advice from DLS is that the 28day period should be continuous.				
10.5.6	<p>What steps has the Trust taken to encourage notifications?</p> <p>The Trust, in conjunction with SPPG continues to review policy and procedure in respect of this matter and has also agreed the content of a range of leaflets for carers, social workers and young people.</p> <p>Senior Management will continue to review, with relevant Heads of Service, what other awareness is required in respect of Trust staff and members of the public.</p>	DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet		
10.5.7	<p>How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 31st March?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet		
10.5.8	<p>How many Private Fostering notifications under Article 106 has the Trust received during the period?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet		
10.5.9	<p>Please provide DOB and Date notification was received in respect of each child/young person reported at 10.5.8.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">N/A</p>	DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet		
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10.5.12	<p>Number of appeals made during the year under Article 113</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	DSF-Foster Care Spreadsheet		
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More than 1 month less than 3 months	1	0	0	0	1		
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More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	0	0	0		
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	3	0	0	0	3		
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Adoption Orders Article 12 (1)														
Previously Looked After	0	0	4	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	8
Step Parent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
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For any 'other' adoption orders, please provide more detail below.

Not applicable.

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	<p>Adoption assessments are undertaken by staff from within the Fostering and Adoption Service. Historically many assessments would have been allocated within the fostering teams, however following further review and responding to the need to prioritise fostering assessments Adoption services staff are currently undertaking a significant number of assessments. This creates its own challenges in terms of allocation of adoption and post adoption work and is a resource deficit, which will need addressed through any additional funding into the service. At present, allocation meetings are held monthly, the senior manager reviews the assessments waiting for allocation as well as those ready for panel, which prevents a lengthy waiting period for applicants. The Trust continues to have access to an additional medical advisor who reviews and provides advice in respect of any medical matters for those awaiting assessment. This has reduced significant delay and allows medical matters to be addressed at an earlier stage in the process.</p> <p>During the assessment, couples are offered the opportunity to attend concurrent care training, foundation course in nurturing and attachments as well as dual approved training. Assessing social workers encourage reading and provide additional resources in respect of therapeutic parenting and trauma informed care, Access to regional training is also offered through Adoption UK.</p> <p>Once approved at panel, the prospective adopter is allocated an adoption social worker who will offer support by sourcing additional training, encouraging attendance at support groups and introduce applicants to other adopters. This worker will also be involved in any potential match for a child with the carers. He or she will continue to support the carers post placement until an adoption order has been achieved. Many children are placed on a concurrent care basis meaning the carers may have to contend with a range of emotions due to protracted legal process. The supervising adoption worker provides invaluable and consistent support during these periods of uncertainty.</p>	
<p>10.6.13</p>	<p>Details of Post Adoption Support - this section should include data in respect of the number of and action taken in respect of placement breakdowns both pre (i.e. where adoption is the Care Plan) and post Adoption Order</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>
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challenges for adopters or their children. Current data confirms there are more than 300 adopters on the Adoption register. Following the granting of an adoption order many families will want time to strengthen family relationships and often require little or no support from Trust staff. However, as time passes certain triggers may create challenges for children or changes in family dynamics can necessitate referrals into the service. All adopters are invited to attend training delivered by the service and there is also an opportunity to attend support groups and fun days which include adopted children, as well as birth children.

Post adoption contact is managed by staff within the service and a post adoption support and contact plan is agreed and shared with all adopters and birth families prior to an adoption order being granted. Contact is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it is meeting the needs of the child. Staff also support birth parents with indirect contact by assisting them in writing letters and providing information as appropriate. It is anticipated that with the introduction of the Adoption and Children's Act more focus will be required in respect of reviewing and monitoring post adoption contact.

The service also provides a range of financial and practical supports to adopter's post adoption. This can present challenges as no identified funding has been allocated to the service to facilitate these provisions. Approximately 99 children are in receipt of adoption allowances, while other families may receive supports services such as childminding or therapeutic support at times of crisis. There is no doubt adoption allowances provide the opportunity for families to avail of additional support however they are means tested which means that although a child may meet the criteria for allowances the carers may be over the financial threshold and this can cause additional stress for many carers who may wish to reduce their working hours due to the demands or behaviour of their child. The service works closely with Scaffold therapeutic service and families/children can be referred for therapeutic support. It is hoped this service will develop further with the introduction of the regulations in respect of the Adoption and Children's Act. Staff are aware of the requirements of the new legislation and the service is reviewing current structure to take account of future service delivery. Future planning will hopefully include additional therapeutic support who can offer timely support to adoptive families.

Several adoptive families require high level of support and regular planning meetings are held to identify suitable supports and prevent breakdown. Within this reporting period there has been several crisis situations which has warranted significant input from adoption services staff to maintain children within their family homes. It is worth noting that further resources and training will be required to upskill staff in areas of Child Protection and CSE as many adopted children require additional support during teenage years however the resources required to respond to these families has to be balanced with all the competing demands on a small group of staff within the service.

	<p>Adoption services staff facilitate support groups for adopted young people and offer outreach support to a range of children where placements are under pressure. Staff implement the DDP model of training and follow the Dan Hughes PACE model ensuring therapeutic parenting is at the core of our practice.</p> <p>The Adoption team have identified experienced staff who support adoptees/birth parents and wider family members in accessing birth records. This is a very skilled area of work, which requires staff who have an understanding and expertise in this area. Introduction of guidance by the DOH in November 2023 in respect of access to birth records has increased demand for access to birth records and has required additional staff resource to provide information within agreed timescales. This is highly skilled area of work and will require ongoing review to ensure the needs of adoptees and birth family are met.</p>	
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EARLY YEARS

Sector	Current Provision		Registrations/ Deregistrations/ Voluntary Ceased		
	Total Number of Services	Number of Places	Number New Registrations During period	De-registrations	
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Day Nursery	56	3402	1	0	1
Out of School within Day Nursery	41	1165			
Total Day Nursery Places		4567			
Creche	6	107	0	0	0
Playgroup	92	2874	1	0	4
Stand-Alone Out of School	35	1168	4	0	3
Childminder	356	2112	18	0	3
Approved Home Childcarers	14	0	0	0	4
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	24	408	0	0	0
Total	583	11236	24	0	15

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Registration issues and commentary as at period end
(If any challenges or issues please provide a brief analysis)

The number of registered providers has increased from 575 services to 624 from 31/03/24 to 31/03/25. This will be an increase of 570 childcare places in the Southern Trust. It is worth noting that there has been an increase of 16 registered childminders during the reporting period, which is not reflective of previous years. Early Years Teams do still receive referrals of unregistered childminding and unregistered daycare provision, and these are always investigated. There has been a reduction in preschool provision despite 1 new registration, however,

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	<p>4 voluntarily ceased during this period. This is mainly due to the staffing crisis in the childcare sector, which is having an impact on preschool provision. The number of stand-alone out of school registrations has increased slightly, even though the DE has given permission to schools to deliver activities on their own premises.</p> <p>Registration and inspection activity remains significant and inspections are highlighting the real challenges group care providers have in recruiting and retaining staff across the sector. All annual inspections have been completed within statutory timescales.</p> <p>There has also been a significant increase in the number of vetting requests for the Early Years Teams to process given the level of staffing changes in the sector. Along with this, the Early Years Teams continue to experience a significant increase in complex vetting issues requiring further assessment. New registrations are largely completed within required timescales and any delays are usually due to vetting requirements, health and safety matters, and minor works.</p>																																																																											
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10.8 Complaints & Representation		
10.8.1	<p>Does the Trust have an appropriately authorised and experienced children’s complaints officer? Yes</p> <p>The Assistant Director for Social Work, Workforce Development and Training is the authorised Children Complaints Officer in conjunction with the CYPS Governance Department. The CYPS Governance Department receive all contact cards from children and young people and a visit is arranged via the relevant Head of Service.</p>	Data Return 10
10.8.2	<p>Does the Trust have an independent advocacy service for children and their families? Yes</p> <p>The Trust promotes the use of advocacy in many forms: Personal Advisors; VOYPIC; allocated key workers are some examples. VOYPIC is involved on an ongoing basis with all of the residential facilities and are also available to all Trust Looked After Children if required.</p> <p>The Patient and Client Council also provide free and confidential advice, information and help to service users to make a complaint.</p>	Data Return 10
10.8.3	<p>Please confirm arrangements are in place to ensure that all complaints – both formal and informal – from children and their families are recorded and dealt with?</p> <p>The DoH Regional Guidance in relation to the Health & Social Care Complaints Procedure, April 2023 and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust Policy and Procedures for the Management of Service User Feedback, July 2022, both operate within the Trust.</p> <p>The Directorate continues to encourage service users and their carers to make their views known. The Trust’s “We Value Your Views” leaflet is widely available and actively promoted throughout the Directorate. In addition, the Children Order complaint leaflets and posters are issued to all children and young people known to Directorate staff. Copies were placed in all facilities.</p> <p>Checks are in place via Looked After Children reviews as to whether a Looked After Young person, their parents or carers have any complaints regarding any part of the service during the review period. The Review of Arrangements documentation for the LAC review notes whether the young person, parents and carers have received information regarding the complaints procedures and who will take</p>	Data Return 10

	responsibility for doing so if they have not received it.	
10.8.4	<p>Please confirm whistle-blowing arrangements are in place to ensure that concerns raised by staff working in children’s services are recorded and dealt with?</p> <p>The Trust has a Whistle Blowing Policy in place to complement the Regional Framework ‘your right to raise a concern’. This ensures that concerns raised by staff working in children’s services are recorded and dealt with. Staff are appraised of this policy in their induction into the Trust. The HR Team have established a series of in-person and virtual clinics for managers. These clinics aim to provide a forum for managers to hear the lessons arising from Whistleblowing cases in the Trust and to provide an opportunity for discussion on what managers can do if they have concerns raised in their teams or service. Human Resources Manager for Raising Concerns has been appointed to support staff in raising concerns.</p>	Data Return 10
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10.9 SEPARATED CHILDREN

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10.9.1	Number of separated children referred to Gateway Teams by status of children for this period (self-reported age at presentation)	SPPG Separated Children Database
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