

FOI 3324

23rd September 2025

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide answers to the following questions broken down into age groups: (If the information is not recorded in these age groups, please provide the information per age year, for example: under 1 years; 2 years; 3 years etc)

- Under 1
- 1-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-15 years
- 16 years +

Please provide the information by month for the last full 5 years. (If the data cannot be provided by month please preferable provide it by calendar year or if not, by financial year.)

How many Article 21s (to provide accommodation under the Children (NI) Order 1995) have been registered for a child leaving adoption in your Health and Social Care Trust area? (Either into care, a kinship placement or family/friend placement).

### Response:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Under 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-5	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-15	>5	>5	>5	0	>5	0
16+	>5	>5	0	0	0	0

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality, in line with this duty the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they

would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

**How many Article 66s (Duty to Investigate under Children (NI) Order 1995) have been registered in relation to an adopted child in your Health and Social Care Trust area?**

**Response:**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Under 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-5	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-15	0	0	0	0	5	>5
16+	0	0	0	0	>5	0

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**How many Article 50 care orders (under the Children (NI) Order 1995) have been registered in relation to an adopted child in your Health and Social Care Trust area? (Care orders where an adoptive placement has broken down).**

**Response:**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Under 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-5	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-15	>5	0	>5	>5	>5	0
16+	0	0	>5	0	0	0

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