

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																																																															
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	<p><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></p> <p>There was a total of 4675 Children in Need in the Southern Trust as at 30th September 2025, which is a decrease of 1447 from 31st March 2025.</p> <p>This decrease of 1447 is primarily due to the migration of three services to encompass (Autism Diagnostic & Intervention Service, Autism Specialist Intervention Service and RISE NI). Staff allocation processes in encompass is different to the Paris system as staff do not need to remain allocated if not actively involved. This represents a reduction of 1333 across these three services from the overall children in need figure.</p>											Data Return 10																																																			
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	White	55	27	328	264	887	651	473	453	229	210	1972	1605	3577
	Chinese	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	3
	Irish Traveller	3	1	5	5	15	14	4	3	3	3	30	26	56
	Roma Traveller	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	0	8	7	15
	Indian	0	0	1	0	1	3	3	2	1	0	6	5	11
	Pakistani	0	0	2	2	2	4	2	1	0	1	6	8	14
	Bangladeshi	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	4
	Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Black African	1	0	2	3	6	5	3	3	16	14	28	25	53
	Black Other	1	0	2	4	14	9	5	5	3	3	25	21	46
	Mixed Ethnic Group	2	4	10	8	22	29	9	8	6	6	49	55	104
	Any Other Ethnic Group	4	2	15	12	32	21	26	26	12	11	89	72	161
	Not Stated	13	10	9	14	193	132	100	82	44	34	359	272	631
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10.1.3	Religion of Children in Need													SF- Children In Need Spreadsheet
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	Religion	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
	Roman Catholic	22	18	137	120	453	327	252	219	128	114	992	798	1790
	Presbyterian	3	1	11	10	38	35	30	24	17	12	99	82	181
	Church of Ireland	1	1	6	9	49	23	21	25	18	14	95	72	167
	Church of England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Methodist	0	0	0	1	2	0	5	2	1	2	8	5	13
	Other Christian	8	4	37	28	103	98	64	87	22	33	234	250	484
	Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Muslim	0	0	1	2	2	6	1	3	21	16	25	27	52
	Other	6	2	19	13	22	29	14	18	8	8	69	70	139
	Not Known	10	7	36	27	111	115	78	65	36	21	271	235	506
	Not Completed	28	11	118	90	366	219	147	120	60	56	719	496	1215
	None	1	1	13	16	30	17	14	20	5	6	63	60	123
	Refused	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	4	5
	TOTAL	79	45	378	316	1176	871	627	585	316	282	2576	2099	4675

<p>10.1.4</p>	<p>(a) How many children have been referred for an Assessment of Need during the reporting period i.e. 1st April – 30th September</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 300 1327 445"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><1</th> <th>1-4</th> <th>5-11</th> <th>12-15</th> <th>16+</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of Children Referred</td> <td>112</td> <td>639</td> <td>1706</td> <td>908</td> <td>399</td> <td>3764</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(b) What was the source of referral for children referred for assessment of need during the reporting period i.e. 1st April – 30th September</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 629 890 1648"> <thead> <tr> <th>Referral Source/Agent</th> <th>No of Children</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Police</td><td>1345</td></tr> <tr><td>Social Worker</td><td>214</td></tr> <tr><td>Out of Hrs Co-ordinator</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Relative</td><td>305</td></tr> <tr><td>Teacher</td><td>235</td></tr> <tr><td>Anonymous</td><td>166</td></tr> <tr><td>Hospital Social Worker</td><td>136</td></tr> <tr><td>GP</td><td>107</td></tr> <tr><td>Hospital Nurse</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>Health Visitor</td><td>67</td></tr> <tr><td>Court</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Probation Officer</td><td>135</td></tr> <tr><td>Vol. Organisation</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Self</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Community Psych. Nurse</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>N.S.P.C.C</td><td>33</td></tr> <tr><td>NIHE</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Comm. Mental H/C Nurse</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Education Welfare Officer</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Others</td><td>950</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>3764</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	Number of Children Referred	112	639	1706	908	399	3764	Referral Source/Agent	No of Children	Police	1345	Social Worker	214	Out of Hrs Co-ordinator	0	Relative	305	Teacher	235	Anonymous	166	Hospital Social Worker	136	GP	107	Hospital Nurse	29	Health Visitor	67	Court	0	Probation Officer	135	Vol. Organisation	8	Self	6	Community Psych. Nurse	0	N.S.P.C.C	33	NIHE	23	Comm. Mental H/C Nurse	0	Education Welfare Officer	5	Others	950	Total	3764	<p>SF- Children In Need Spreadsheet</p>
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<p>10.1.5</p>	<p>How many children are currently awaiting an Assessment of Need at period end by length of wait (unallocated cases including disability as at 30th September). Source PMSI data on Unallocated cases – comes with child protection data.</p>	<p>SPPG (PMSI)</p>																																																										
<p>10.1.6</p>	<p>How many of these Children in Need are Disabled and known to Trust Social Workers (by major category) at 30th September?</p>	<p>SF- Children In Need Spreadsheet</p>																																																										

Ensure any specific issues are raised in the Service level summary

Major Disability	<1		0-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	5	1	22	18	16	11	5	5	48	35	83
Sensory	3	0	8	0	27	37	10	16	3	2	51	55	106
Learning	0	0	6	0	56	28	70	38	44	21	176	87	263
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/A DHD/Aspergers	0	0	12	1	359	132	193	126	74	55	638	314	952
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (With Disability)	3	0	31	2	464	215	289	191	126	83	913	491	1404
No Disability	76	45	347	314	712	656	338	394	190	199	1663	1608	3271
Grand Total	79	45	378	316	1176	871	627	585	316	282			4675

10.1.7

Disabled children known to the Trust who left school during the reporting period and the transition plans that are in place.

SF- 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	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	1
Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning disability	0	0	0	0	13	7	13	7	13	7
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism (ASD)/ADHD/Aspergers	7	2	1	0	0	0	8	2	8	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	2	2	1	13	7	24	10	24	10

10.1.8

How many Children in Need are currently awaiting assessment

SPPG (PMSI)

	or treatment with child and adolescent mental health services as at 30th September?																					
	<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>																					
10.1.9	This is intentionally blank																					
10.1.10	<p>How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers</p> <p>A total of 131 Children in Need are Young Carers. This is a decrease of 2 on the numbers provided as at 30th March 2025.</p> <p>Young Carers receive a service from Action for Children.</p> <p>Armagh & Dungannon – 37, Craigavon & Banbridge – 45, Newry & Mourne – 49, making a total of 131.</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></p> <p><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" data-bbox="274 1032 1334 1256"> <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>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age	Number of Young People who presented to the Trust as Homeless during the reporting period	16	3	17	6	Total	9	SF- Children In Need Spreadsheet												
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10.1.12	<p>(a) How many Trust sponsored Day Care Places provided through any means including Article 18, Fostering or others are there for Children in Need at period end</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="274 1462 1249 1937"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Day care</th> <th colspan="2">Number of Purchased Places by Age</th> </tr> <tr> <th>0- 4</th> <th>5-12</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Day Nursery</td> <td>18</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playgroup</td> <td>5</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Childminder</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Out of School hours club</td> <td>0</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>26</td> <td>36</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(b) How many of these children have a disability</p>	Day care	Number of Purchased Places by Age		0- 4	5-12	Day Nursery	18	1	Playgroup	5	8	Childminder	3	3	Out of School hours club	0	24	Total	26	36	SF- Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Total	26	36																				

5	28
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10.1.13

Trust usage of Family Centre Places for interventions

SF- Children In Need Spreadsheet

FAMILIES						
Name of Centre	Stat/ Vol	Number of Referrals by Primary Reason for Intervention		Completed During Period		On Waiting List at Period End
		Primary Reason	Number of Referrals	Average Wait from Referral to Start of Intervention (Weeks)	Average Length of Intervention (Weeks)	
Barnardo's Newry and Mourne Family Resource Centre	Vol	Family Support	0	0	0	0
		Child Protection	12	12	8	4
		Looked After	9	12	8	2
Barnardo's Armagh and Dungannon Family Resource Centre	Vol	Family Support	0	0	0	0
		Child Protection	17	12	10	4
		Looked After	3	12	10	0

10.1.14

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10.1.15

Please provide the number of children (if any) subject to a Supervision / Interim Supervision Order at period end (moved from Child Protection section)

SF- 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	
Supervision Orders													
Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	1	0	7	4	1	7	0	1	9	12	21
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	7	4	1	7	0	1	9	12	21

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)												SF- 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	
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Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total		0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	3		

10.2 Children (NI) Order 1995

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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 30th September?												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													
10.2.3	How many of these children have a physical 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
	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
	Roman Catholic													
	Presbyterian													
	Church of Ireland													
	Methodist													
Other Denomination														

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	3<6mts													
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	Duration		Age Groups							Total				
			Under 1 Year	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+							
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10.3 Children (NI) Order 1995

Children Looked After

10.3.1

Provide the current legal status for all Children Looked After at 30th September (excluding any who are CLA on that day only by virtue of a short break arrangement)

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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	8	2	7	13	19	14	8	3			42	32	74
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									25	11	25	11	36
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	1	2	3	2	8	5	5	6	0	0	17	15	32
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									5	5	5	5	10
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	18	15	90	70	68	70	32	41	208	196	404
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	10	1	15	23	19	16	12	9	6	5	62	54	116
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	0	12	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	16	8	24
TOTAL	19	5	55	58	140	108	93	88	68	62	375	321	696

10.3.2

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

SF – CLA Spreadsheet

Religion	<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	
Roman Catholic	12	3	31	35	90	65	61	50	32	30	226	183	409
Presbyterian	2	0	2	4	9	6	8	6	4	4	25	20	45
Church of Ireland	1	0	2	5	14	5	6	6	7	5	30	21	51
Church of England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	1	5
Other Christian	1	1	7	2	14	17	7	20	2	9	31	49	80
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	13	20	13	33
Other	1	0	4	5	0	6	0	0	2	0	7	11	18
Not Known	2	1	5	1	5	4	4	2	1	0	17	8	25
Not Completed	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
None	0	0	3	6	7	5	3	4	0	0	13	15	28
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	5	55	58	140	108	93	88	68	62	375	321	696

Ethnicity	<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	17	4	48	52	125	88	84	79	44	47	318	270	588
Chinese	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Irish Traveller	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	5	3	8
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	15	13	19	13	32	
Black Other	1	0	0	3	4	1	1	3	1	1	7	8	15	
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	1	4	2	4	11	3	2	2	0	13	16	29	
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	4	2	6	
Not Stated	0	0	3	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	8	8	16	
TOTAL	19	5	55	58	140	108	93	88	68	62	375	321	696	

10.3.3 Number of Children Looked After (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 30th September

SF – CLA Spreadsheet

All Children Looked After		<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	3	1	5	6	8	5	17	12	29
	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	1	0	1	0	1
	Residential Total	0	0	1	0	3	1	5	6	9	5	18	12	30
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	12	2	16	22	54	41	40	44	7	20	129	129	258
Kinship Care	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	2	2	1	6	5	4	2	1	0	0	10	13	23
	Kinship Care (Friends/relatives)	2	1	26	20	55	51	29	28	22	13	134	113	247
	Unregulated (In Placement > 12 weeks and not	2	0	1	2	10	4	8	2	1	3	22	11	33

	yet approved)															
	Independent Providers	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3		
	Fostering Total	18	5	44	50	125	100	80	75	31	36	298	266	564		
	Placed at Home with Parents	1	0	2	5	8	5	8	7	8	5	27	22	49		
	Placed for Adoption (CLA Children, with a Care Order, placed with Adoptive Parents)	0	0	8	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	12	4	16		
Other Placements	Jointly Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	5		
	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	13	5	13	5	18		
	Tenancy Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	5	7		
	Unregulated Be-Spoke Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	6		
Other							1					0	1	1		
Overall TOTAL		19	5	55	58	140	108	93	88	68	62	375	321	696		

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 Children Looked After at period end

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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	5	3	2	10	5	4	5	3	7	1	24	21	45
3 months to < 1 year	14	2	3	11	27	14	14	8	13	15	71	50	121
1 year < 3 years	0	0	34	32	42	36	16	22	18	14	110	104	214
3 years < 5 years	0	0	16	5	35	19	12	17	5	6	68	47	115
5 years < 10 years	0	0	0	0	26	29	28	25	15	16	69	70	139
10+ years	0	0	0	0	5	6	18	13	10	10	33	29	62
Total	19	5	55	58	140	108	93	88	68	62	375	321	696

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

SF – CLA 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	9	66	106	8	56	90	5	42	62	22	164	258
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	19	14	200	283	13	149	266	28	368	568
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	85	125	22	256	373	18	191	328	50	532	826

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

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Facility Name	Age at Placement			Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+	Total	
Beechcroft Child & Adolescent In Patient Unit	0	1	1	1
Total	0	1	1	1

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

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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 Children After Children i.e. how many places in residential homes, foster care placements

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Name of Residential Unit	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	No. of Beds	No of Beds available to Trust	Trust % occupancy 01.04.25 –	No of Respite beds	Respite % occupancy

							30.09.25				
Woodside Adolescent Centre	Yes	No	No	5	5	97%	-	-			
Cedar Grove	Yes	No	No	5	5	68%	-	-			
Oaktree (formerly Edenvilla)	Yes	No	No	3	3	96%	-	-			
Bocombra Lodge	Yes	No	No	5	5	91%	-	-			
Cherry Grove	Yes	No	No	5	5	100%	-	-			
Bluebell	Yes	No	No	5	5	100%	-	-			
Facilities providing Short Breaks for Children with a Disability											
Willowgrove	No	Yes	No	4	4		3	59%			
Oaklands	Yes	No	No	5	4		3	69%			
<p>(b) Provide your number of foster carers (should agree with 10.5.1) 582 Provide the number of approved places offered (should agree with 10.5.2) 820</p>											
10.3.9	<p>How many Children Looked After have had placement moves throughout the period?</p>								SF – CLA 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		20	13	22	15	12	5	13	15	67	48
Number who moved twice		1	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	4	5
Number who moved 3 times		0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	3	4
Number who moved 4 times or more		0	0	3	2	4	3	1	1	8	6
Total		21	14	28	20	17	12	16	17	82	63
<p>Trust must provide an explanation of actions taken to reduce placement moves during the period. Count all moves i.e.as per COR12 report.</p> <p>Children can move placement for a variety of reasons. These can include 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.</p>											

There continues 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 and bespoke pieces of work involving the multi-disciplinary teams and which operate on a short term basis until placement stability is achieved.

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 Children Looked After are awaiting assessment or treatment with child and adolescent mental health services at 30th September?

SHSCT unable to validate figures due to encompass mapping issues with this service

(b) How many Children Looked After 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	25	18	7	7	12	69
Source of these referrals received from						
Child’s Social Worker	25	18	7	7	12	69
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

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DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FACTSNI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Referrals Accepted	25	18	7	7	12	69	
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of referrals signposted to another service							
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post Adoption Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	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	81	24	26	9	55	195	
Number of children seen on a once off basis during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children discharged from Service during the period	23	14	3	8	11	59	
Number of children transferred to another Service during the period:							
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post Adoptive Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children engaged with the Service at period end date	94	34	27	5	53	213	
Service delivery during the period							
Number of Reviews undertaken	2239						
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	5						
Number on waiting list at end of period	18						
Number of DNAs during the period	55						
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	24						

For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average length of involvement (weeks)	71					
Total	2412					

Consultations provided by the Service during the period			
	Number	Number which were repeat	
Social worker	60	0	
CAMHS	0	0	
DAMS	0	0	
Teacher	0	0	
Psychiatry	0	0	
GP	0	0	
Carers/adoptive parents	0	0	
One off	60	0	

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

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 8-16 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

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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 after Children and Young People. Guidance for Health Visitors, School Nurses, Family Nurses (Family Nurse Partnership) and Looked after Children Nurse Specialists' (2014). This guidance document is currently being revised and will supersede both 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 and the Regional Guidance Document - 'Promoting the health and wellbeing of Looked after Children and Young People. Guidance for Health Visitors, School Nurses, Family Nurses (Family Nurse Partnership) and Looked after Children Nurse Specialists'.

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>10.3.14</p>	<p>(a) Has each child looked after an allocated and named social worker at period end? No</p> <p>Not all Children Looked After had an allocated and named Social Worker at period end.</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>Unfortunately, there remains 41 unallocated cases within the Children in Care Service. A case becomes unallocated when there is no allocated Social Worker for a period of 20 working days or more. Whilst it was hoped that unallocated caseloads would be a temporary feature within Looked After Children Teams due to the need to focus social work time on complex intensive support cases and ensure transfers into the Service from the Family Intervention Service, unfortunately some cases have remained unallocated. Every effort is made to prevent cases being unallocated where possible and the management of unallocated caseload procedures is implemented only once every effort has been made to allocate cases. Management and assurance arrangements are in place in respect of these cases. Unallocated cases have placement stability, and low levels of assessed risk which allows them to be supported in a different way, that is without a Social Worker. All unallocated cases have support from a Social Work Assistant within the Children in Care Service.</p> <p>Children in Care have commenced a band 5 Senior Support Officer pilot project in July 2025 in order to provide a response to two issues, namely to ensure transfers take place from FIT to CIC in a timely way and to begin to reallocate children and young people to an identified worker. In the Southern Trust the team leader is also aligned to the children/young people within this pilot project to ensure that there is a named Social Worker.</p> <p>This will be explored in more detail in the next reporting period.</p>	<p>SF – CLA Spreadsheet</p>
<p>10.3.15</p>	<p>(a) Did each child looked after 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 155 children who did not receive a statutory visit at least once per month from their allocated and named social worker during the last 6 months. Of these 155 children, 60 children received statutory visits from another social worker.</p> <p>Every effort is made to ensure that statutory visits are carried out by the child's own Social Worker but 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</p>	<p>SF – CLA Spreadsheet</p>

	<p>have not taken place due to children in care cases being deallocated within some teams. Recruitment has continued to be slow to CYPS in general but there are signs this may be improving and there continues to be periods of long term sick leave by some staff.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as noted above, there remain deallocated children in care cases. A case becomes deallocated when there is no allocated Social Worker for a period of 20 working days or more. Every effort is made to prevent cases being deallocated where possible and these arrangements will only be agreed once all capacity has been exhausted across CYPS Social Work Teams. Management and assurance arrangements are in place in respect of these cases. Deallocated cases are risk assessed and only those deemed to have placement stability, and low levels of assessed risk which allows them to be supported in a different way, that is without a Social Worker will be deallocated. All deallocated cases within the Children in Care Service have support from a Social Work Assistant.</p> <p>Children in Care and 14 Plus Service have commenced a Band 5 Senior Support Officer pilot project in July 2025 in order to provide a response to two key objectives. This is to ensure transfers take place from Family Intervention to Children in Care/14 Plus in a timely way and those cases which have been deallocated can once again have an identified worker. The Senior Support Officer will assume the role of the authorised person and can complete visits to children in care on behalf of the Trust as per the regionally agreed job description.</p> <p>In the Southern Trust the Senior Social Work Practitioner is also aligned to the children/young people within this pilot project to ensure that there is a named Social Worker. There is also a governance framework in respect of statutory visits, who undertakes these and how often within the pilot project which is agreed at the child in care review.</p> <p>This will be explored in more detail in the next reporting period.</p>	
<p>10.3.16</p>	<p>Number of Children Looked After Reviews held during the period</p> <p>A total of 516 CLA reviews took place during this period.</p>	<p>SF – CLA Spreadsheet</p>
<p>10.3.17</p>	<p>Was the case of each child looked after 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 516 LAC reviews occurred within this time period of which 68 were outside timeframes (13%). 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 have added to delay.</p> <p>Those children whose cases are deallocated had not been reviewed within timescales however, governance arrangements in relation to unallocated children</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>

	<p>within the Children in Care Service had been reviewed in the last reporting period and strengthened and all unallocated cases have now had 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 <i>(If no, Please explain)</i></p> <p><u>Children with Disability (CWD)</u></p> <p>There continues to be increased demand for family support, short breaks, residential care and transitions support across services for children with disabilities. The DoH Minister funding announced on 23rd October 24 continues to provide a mix of additional supports in relation to increasing residential provisions, increasing short breaks and providing family support 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 utilised per night for up to 7 nights per week in Oaklands, and 2 to 3 beds 5 nights per week in Willowgrove (managed for the Trust by Barnardos). Willowgrove had been asked to increase availability to 6 nights per week but this has not been consistent due to ongoing recruitment and staff sickness issues. Despite the pressures for example from April to June of the reporting period, Willowgrove increased their overnight provision by 2.5% and Oaklands by 10.2%. Again both units have physical capacity for 4 beds but remain unable to accommodate the full number on any night. Reasons for this remain as before 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.</p> <p>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. The Trust will require an additional unit to consider children who require more than 90 nights provision but not a fulltime placement and this has been noted by SPPG.</p> <p>At end of September 2025 there are 18 children waiting on a residential short break place, however 5 children will be introduced to placements in the next 2 months. Access to short breaks is managed via a Trust Resource panel and is assessment based. However the panel runs on a monthly basis so the number will continue to increase at each months end.</p> <p>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 including Outreach services for each of the units to meet need of those on the waiting list.</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>

Short Breaks fostering

The Short Breaks Team continues to work to increase the number of Short Breaks carers for CWD services and attracted 57 potential carers (people expressing an interest in response to promotion) during the reporting period which is an increase of 6. The majority of these expressions of interest (EOI) occurred due to a new recruitment initiative spanning social media, outdoor advertising and a radio advert. This has been the second reporting period in a row where there has been a substantial increase in the number of EOI's. For reference in the entire calendar year of 2024 there were a total of 34 EOI's.

The Fostering Panel approved 3 (+1) new short break foster carers for children with a disability during this time frame and 3 (-1) 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 harmonize 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. Currently there is one ongoing fostering assessment for a fee-paid carer who wishes to provide 8 overnights per month. 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.

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. An emerging need with these full-time placements is the requirement of substantial housing adaptations to their properties to meet the complex needs of the children in their care.

Short breaks fostering figures have decreased from the previous reporting period in terms of the number of overnights provided which were 219 (-55) nights for this period. This equates to 21 children receiving a service and represents a 20% decrease in the number of nights provided. The reasons for this include one of the fee-paid carers reducing the number of overnights provided per month. The complex needs of the children now being placed means that it is taking longer to place some children and for them to settle and be ready for overnights. 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 47% of the assessed need to 40% of demand within the reporting period. These reductions have been replicated within the short

break residential units thus highlighting the pressures within the system currently.

The waiting list for overnight short breaks is 22 children and 4 of these are currently undergoing introductions. 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 4 young people resident in Bluebell House with no new admissions. 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, however no requests have been made for a fulltime placement in the reporting period.

Bluebell remains a very challenging care environment due to the complexity of the needs of the young people and the Trust has seen improvements in relation to the ongoing service development and improvement plan. This includes a Bluebell House external and internal Spaces proposed enhancement scheme that will see major works to the unit and outdoor space to enhance the lived experience of the young people living there.

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 service manages all fostering requests for children requiring placements without accessing additional resourcing from ISP’s outside of small number of existing, legacy placements. The placements are managed through collaborative working with colleagues, identification of gaps in niche areas and subsequent development of specific, targeted schemes alongside continued innovation in recruitment practices both locally and regionally. Requests for planned placements are funnelled through the Trust Resource Panel, however there are still a significant number of requests for emergency placements for families that enter fostering in an unplanned way.

There continues to be consistent demand for placement of children with complex, trauma presentations which create significant challenges for families who are 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 feel they have the skills or appropriate environment to offer these young people the support they require. The education system has often reduced the hours for these young people in school settings or have implemented suspensions which decrease likelihood of placement matching and increase pressures on foster care systems. Feedback from foster carers is that this is not a role they envisaged taking on and this a similar theme for requests for placement of teenagers. Some requests are for placements of teenagers who present with challenge in their birth family environment but birth parents have capacity to manage other birth children in their care. A frequent feature of the request information details the impact of the behaviours on younger siblings in the birth family home which will often be a similar risk in foster care arrangements.

Direct meetings with carers who have proceeded with enquiry pathways to Independent Providers have indicated that finance has been their primary reason for selecting this route. Often applicants appear unaware of the financial packages offered by Trusts and what may be available as currently this is not marketed openly and is not regionally universal. When discussed further and matching to specific scheme arrangements explored, the small number of moves to Independent Providers invariably do not happen. A meeting has been set up to examine the transfer protocol between Trusts and ISP's.

When requests for large sibling group placements are made these can overwhelm a system quite quickly given limited space. This often requires the individual needs and life stages of child to be explored and consideration given if whole sibling group needs to move or if stressors can be reduced and issues managed under SOS with some children remaining in the home. Failing that, siblings may often be separated into different placements although all possible groupings of children are explored. Despite sibling groups being an area specifically targeted in October 24 within recruitment, placements for sibling groups together are not always feasible given capacity of carers.

Despite continued, regional, recruitment campaigns there are challenges in maintaining enquiry levels regionally, although SHSCT appear to be performing well 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 so will likely welcome new Friends of Fostering changes and also the introduction of Fostering Ambassador role. 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, Residential services and the Children with Disability Short Breaks service in pooling resources, brainstorming new approaches and maximising connections. This coordinated approach is very beneficial when trying to identify appropriate placements.

OOH service has been firmly re-established and is functioning reasonably well again with management within Trust, specific support structures, changes to

financial package and connecting carers who support each other. This allows for emergency provision to be in place but also creative and measured approach to how it is used when required through HOS/AD agreement. Carers report this has functioned in a more manageable way for them when they have not been required to absorb regional need for emergency placements and ensured they remained on the scheme.

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. Family Placement services are required to consider exit strategies for the children from this residential environment once sufficient progress has been made to enable family living to be achievable. The needs of these young people can best be met within the Intensive Support Fostering Scheme which currently offers therapeutic parenting placements to 28 children and young people with presentations which indicate significant impact of childhood, relational trauma. Within this scheme, Bail Fostering has been developed and has successfully been able to facilitate short term placements although exit strategies from this continue to create challenge.

The Trust has historically been successful in recruiting carers from child specific campaigns (at the agreed, regional rate of two per year) and these were progressed through Bolster matching service. The agreed regional model for this has changed and new ways of working are being trialled so outcomes from this will remain under review. However, the Trust continue to ring fence specific matching resources to identify any emerging capacity.

There continues to be challenges in securing placements for young babies given that many of our foster carers can be working. 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.

Finally, two growing areas of need are the increased demand for short breaks/respice 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, foster carers appear to be requesting increased rates of respice in order to be able to manage competing responsibilities. This has created increased flux and industry within the service in addition to increased moves for young people. 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 but also due to resource limitations. 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

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Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	3	14	3	15	6	29
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	5	1	1	1	6
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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	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
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	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Other	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	23	1	4	0	0	0	0

Total no of individual children this relates to:	2		1		0		3	
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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	1	7	2	21	3	28
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	1	1	1	1	2	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	2	8	3	22	5	30

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		2		3		5	
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10.3.35

Number of children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more by category

There were no children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more.

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10.3.36

(a) Number of Sibling groups accommodated:

- Together
- Not accommodated together at period end

Together – 78 sibling groups, relating to 176 children.

Not accommodated together – 83 sibling groups, relating to 245 children.

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	<p>New admissions sibling groups placed together is 4, which relates to 10 children. New admissions sibling groups not placed together is 3, which relates to 3 children (i.e. three children placed on their own whilst the remainder of their siblings were placed together)</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 • Conflicting/competing needs of siblings • Large family groups • Different care plans eg. Older children in residential or foster care / younger siblings possibly requiring adoption • Different ages of young people • Rehabilitation to separate parents. 																																									
<p>10.3.37</p>	<p>Number of young people admitted to Secure Accommodation and the reasons for admission during the period</p> <p><i>This data is sourced directly from Lakewood (it will be forwarded by South Eastern Trust) – after this reporting period the data will be sourced from the Regional Secure panel which is located within SPPG</i></p>	<p>Lakewood/ Regional Panel</p>																																								
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Residential	Statutory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Private inc ECR's	0	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	0
	Residential Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	7	2	2	6	1	3	4	3	1	0	15	14	29	
	Kinship care	3	2	0	5	9	4	6	4	0	2	18	17	35	
	Independent Providers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Fostering Total	10	4	2	11	10	7	10	7	1	2	33	31	64	
Placed at Home with Parents	0	0	2	4	0	3	1	0	2	0	5	7	12		
Placed for Adoption	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	9	5	14		
Overall TOTAL	11	4	4	15	10	10	11	8	12	7	48	44	92		

(b) To your knowledge have any of the children admitted during the period been subject to a full Adoption Order

Children Subject to a full Adoption Order	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(c) Of those children at 10.3.39(a) admitted to care during the period how many have previously been on the Child Protection Register in the last 2 years from the period end date

Children Previously on the Child Protection Register	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	9	2	2	7	5	5	5	4	1	1	22	19	41

(d) Number of Children and Young People who became Looked After during the period had a CLA1 form completed and forwarded to School?

CLA1 Form completed and forwarded to school	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	4	1	0	6	8	9	10	5	2	3	24	24	48
<p>(e) Can you confirm that all the above admissions to care are properly recorded and do not include what should rightly be reported as a placement move (e.g. a fostering breakdown where the RESWS moves the child to a children’s home)</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>All admissions to care, discharges from care and placement moves continue to be monitored via monthly information validation meetings in each locality. They are also recorded on the monthly Roles and Responsibilities return by each team.</p>													
10.3.40	(a) During the period how many children or young people became a child looked after by age, gender and legal status on admission;												SF – CLA 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	1	0	7	5	2	8	2	0	0	18	12	30
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	6	9	7	16
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	3	2	0	1	4	3	2	5	0	0	9	11	20
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	5	9
Emergency	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3

Protection Order Art. 63														
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	0	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	6	5	11	
Total	11	4	4	15	10	10	11	8	12	7	48	44	92	

(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	8	4	1	2	5	2	5	2	1	0	20	10	30
Unplanned	1	0	2	9	5	4	3	4	1	1	12	18	30
Emergency	2	0	1	4	0	4	3	2	10	6	16	16	32
Total	11	4	4	15	10	10	11	8	12	7	48	44	92

(ii) Of those that were unplanned or emergency how many were admitted to kinship foster care? **20**

(iii) Of those unplanned or emergency admissions how many were admitted by RESWS? **62**

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

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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	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	3	6	9
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
6 weeks < 3 Months	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	4
3 Months < 6 months	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	6
6 Months < 1 Year	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	5	0	9	1	10
1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	5	5	2	2	0	0	1	5	8	12	20

2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	4
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	4	3	7
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	5	5	10
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	1	4
Total	0	2	12	8	7	7	5	5	14	16	38	38	76

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

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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	7	2	3	2	3	5	3	3	16	12	28
Returned to family/Relatives/friends	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	4	5	9
Adopted	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)									2	2	2	2	4
Foster Carers (GEM)									5	5	5	5	10
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects									1	1	1	1	2
Bed + Breakfast									0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, Foyer									0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings									3	3	3	3	6
Prison, Hospital									0	1	0	1	1
Other	0	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	5	5	10
Total	0	2	12	8	7	7	5	5	14	16	38	38	76

(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		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Number entitled to access Leaving Care Services	1	1	12	11	13	12	25
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	1	2	0	2	1	4	5
Total	2	3	12	13	14	16	30

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10.3.44	<p>(a) Please provide the total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period.</p> <p>7 children became subject of a Residence Order during the period.</p> <p>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.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="217 654 868 976"> <thead> <tr> <th>Placement</th> <th>No. of Children</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stranger (Foster Carers)</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kinship (Foster Carers)</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residential Care</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other placement</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(b) How many Residence Orders are in place at period end?</p> <p>There are 115 Residence Orders in place at period end.</p>	Placement	No. of Children	Stranger (Foster Carers)	0	Kinship (Foster Carers)	7	Residential Care	0	Other placement	0	Total	7	SF – CLA Spreadsheet																																																																														
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Note: Sections 10.3.41 to 10.3.43 should include all discharges including those reported in section 10.4

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.

SF-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	20	32					52	20	38					58	110
Relevant	4	9					13	1	1					2	15
Former Relevant			33	44	34	18	129			36	29	18	20	103	232
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	24	41	33	44	34	20	196	21	39	36	29	18	20	163	359

10.4.2

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

SF-16+ Spreadsheet

Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	4	27	31
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	34	43	77
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	2	0	2
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	40	70	110

Category	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total
Eligible	40	70	0	0	0	0	110
Relevant	5	10	0	0	0	0	15
Former Relevant	0	0	69	73	52	38	232
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	45	80	69	73	52	40	359

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	(a) Eligible;							
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	ETE Status	16	17	Total				
	Secondary Level Education	31	25	56			28	
	Further Education	2	23	25			25	
	Training (Govt. sponsored training)	3	11	14			14	
	Pre-Vocational	0	0	0			0	
	Employment	1	4	5			0	
	ETE Inactive	3	7	10			4	
	Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0			0	
	Other(Sick/Disabled, Parent, Carer)	0	0	0			0	
	Total	40	70	110			71	
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ETE Status	16	17	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	3	0	3	3
Further Education	0	9	9	9
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0
ETE Inactive	2	1	3	3
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	5	10	15	15

(c) Former Relevant;

ETE Status	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Further Education	31	24	13	10	78	23
Higher Education	2	5	11	17	35	35
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	11	3	1	0	15	15
Pre-Vocational	4	5	0	0	9	9
Employment	8	13	12	5	38	0
ETE Inactive	12	19	14	6	51	29
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	2	0	0	2	2
Other	1	2	1	0	4	4
Total	69	73	52	38	232	117

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ETE Status	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Further Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higher Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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	4	0	4	4
No longer wishing to foster	2	1	3	4
Retired/phased out	9	13	22	26
Deregistered following concerns re: care of child/ren	1	1	2	4

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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>Unfortunately, there was long term staff sick leave, some maternity leaves that were unfilled and vacant posts during the reporting period in addition to gaps in management structures and changes in roles.</p>	<p>Data return 10</p>																																		

	<p>This was incredibly difficult and although recruitment, assessment and approval rates remained stable and number of kinship assessments in unregulated timeframes reduced, there was some delay in completion of annual reviews. There are plans for staff now to take up posts and return from leave although it is anticipated there will be further disruption. There is an action plan in place to progress these reviews in the next few months and there is confidence this will reduce significantly, halving within the next six weeks. The need for further measures to be put in place to address the remaining cases will be reviewed at that point.</p>	
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 planning and every four weeks for retention planning. 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 and after regional agreement this amount is set to increase as well as changes to the point at which it is available to carers.</p> <p>In conjunction with the regional fostering and adoption services there is 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. SHSCT have produced a robust recruitment plan for the coming months to ensure the fostering message is ever present in the community.</p> <p>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 increased 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. In addition to this, if people are not yet in a position to begin fostering but continue to be interested, they can agree to their</p>	Data return 10

details being maintained on a mailing list for regularised information to be shared.

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 weekly placements meetings to explore placement availability and also monthly, network meetings which offer support and connection for such placements. 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 trauma informed and connected 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. Questionnaires have been issued to staff in respect of this and it is envisaged this will commence in February 26. Regular contact is maintained between the Scaffold service and the Fostering HOS and Training Co-ordinator in considering future training needs for foster carers.

The retention of foster carers is a key area in maintaining a sustainable service therefore the Trust continue to actively explore all ways of supporting carers within a monthly retention group with membership from Foster Care Support Group chairs. 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. Recently foster carers have given specific feedback regarding how much they enjoy the walking groups and it has been logged on Greatix. Events take 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 regionally agreed fee paid structure and ultimately the development of a regional fostering strategy. Southern Trust are represented on this workstream and seek to proactively contribute and share examples of innovative and best practice.

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+

	<p>services. There are, on occasions, requests for foster placements for asylum seeking children under 16 years, and as such we continue to maintain this as an area within recruitment process but absorb through our standard processes without ring-fencing specific carers.</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 are in process of revising the exit meeting process to ensure we capture this data and understand more fully the reasons for this and any implications for the service.</p>	
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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>	SF- Foster care Spreadsheet		
10.5.7	<p>How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 30th September?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	SF- 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>	SF- 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>	SF- Foster care Spreadsheet		
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10.5.14	<p>How many notifications has the Trust received in respect of children being adopted from abroad i.e. Intercountry Adoption within the period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	SF- Foster care Spreadsheet		
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10.6 Adoption (NI) Order 1987 Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act (NI) 2001

Article 3 (as amended by HPSS Order 1994), Article 11

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Less than 1 month	1	0	0	0	1		
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Inter-country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	5

For any 'other' adoption orders, please provide more detail below.

Not applicable.

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	<p>and Adoption Service. Historically many assessments would have been allocated within the fostering teams however following further review and responding to the need to previously referenced staffing deficits 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 present further challenges given more recent staff moves within adoption services. 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 for adoption who reviews and provides advice in respect of any medical matters for those awaiting assessment. This has been very helpful, reduced significant delay and allowed 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, gain experience through short term fostering, and attend foundation course in nurturing 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 peer 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 processes. 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 = 0</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>
	<p>(Analysis)</p> <p>All adopters known to the Southern Trust can avail of ongoing support. The timing and frequency of such support will often depend on the circumstances within an individual family. To provide an ongoing link to the service all adopters are invited to attend fun days and encouraged to attend training as offered by the staff. The Southern Trust maintain a register of all children adopted within the Trust area and adoption services</p>	

staff respond to referrals from families or other professionals in respect of 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 which 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. Similar to fostering, this can present resource challenges as no identified funding has been allocated to the service to facilitate these provisions. Approximately 99 children are in receipt of adoption allowances, whilst 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 has implications as 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 their need to be more available to their child. The threshold for the means tested benefit has not risen in line with inflation and is deemed to be extraordinarily low. 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 structures to take account of future service delivery. Future planning will hopefully include additional, therapeutic support which can offer timely support to adoptive families.

Several adoptive families require high levels of support and regular planning meetings are held to identify suitable supports and prevent disruption. Within this reporting period there has been some crisis situations which has warranted input from adoption services staff to maintain children within their family homes but there have been no disruptions within this reporting period. It is worth noting that further resources and training will be required to upskill staff in areas of Child

	<p>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> <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 one of the prominent staff in this area has secured a new role in a different service so this will be difficult to replace and will require ongoing review to ensure the needs of adoptees and birth family continue to be 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	
				Number Deregiste red by the Trust during period	No Voluntary Ceased during the period
Day Nursery	57	3426	1	0	0
Out of School within Day Nursery	41	1189			
Total Day Nursery Places		4615			
Creche	6	107	0	0	0
Playgroup	95	2788	3	0	0
Stand-Alone Out of School	35	1168	0	0	0
Childminder	335	1992	5	0	26
Approved Home Childcarers	14	0	4	0	4
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	24	408	0	0	0
Total	566	11078	13	0	30

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10.7.2

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

There has been a further slight reduction in the overall number of registered providers and the number of places for children. The number of registered childminders has continued to fall and this has been the pattern for a number of years now. This is also the pattern on a regional basis. There has been one additional day nursery and three additional playgroups which is a very positive development. There are nine Sure Starts in the Trust area with 24 registered Two Year Old Programmes providing 408 places up to three days for often quite

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	<p>vulnerable children. Trust inspection levels remain high but the numbers for this period are down primarily due to the service being down the equivalent of two WTE Early Years Social Workers due to sick leave and maternity leave. Although not reflected in these returns there remains a high level of vetting activity as group based daycare providers are having very significant challenges in recruiting and retaining staff.</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 Children Looked After 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 Children Looked After Reviews as to whether a Child Looked After, their parents or carers have any complaints regarding any part of the service during the review period. The Review of Arrangements documentation for the Children Looked After 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 compliment the Regional Framework and Model Policy ‘Raising a Concern in The Public Interest (Whistleblowing)’. 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 and Raising Concerns Awareness Raising e-learning is available to staff and managers. 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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