

# Corporate Parenting Report (CC3/02)

For the Period 1 October 2018 – 31 March 2019

#### 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<sup>st</sup> March? (exclude children on the caseloads of statutory mental health services)

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	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F
Children	87	89	562	437	1432	936	682	533	262	258	3024	2253
TOTAL	87	89	562	437	1431	936	682	533	262	258	3024	2253

Please confirm that figure above includes pending referrals

Yes figures above include pending cases.

Overall Total – 5277

Trend analysis and commentary (Trusts must clarify how they arrive at this total figure, and reference any likelihood of double or under representation)

There was a total of 5277 Children in Need in the Southern Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. There has been an increase of 546 since 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

#### **10.1.2** Ethnic Origin of Children in Need

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Ethnicity	M	F	М	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	To tal
White	63	58	367	319	955	653	482	389	192	198	2059	1617	3676
Chinese	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Irish Traveller	0	1	7	5	16	14	9	8	2	2	34	30	64
Roma Traveller	1	1	2	4	5	2	3	3	2	2	13	12	25

Indian	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	5	8
Pakistani	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	4	6
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Black African	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	3	3	6
Black Other	3	3	13	14	18	8	3	14	3	2	40	41	81
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	3	11	12	15	9	6	5	1	2	33	31	64
Any Other Ethnic Group	1	0	13	7	22	15	5	8	4	4	45	34	79
Not Stated	19	21	148	76	395	228	170	106	56	44	788	475	1263
TOTAL	87	89	562	437	1431	936	682	533	262	258	3024	2253	5277

#### **10.1.3** Religion of Children in Need

1-4 5-11 12-15 <1 16+ Total To M F M F F F M F M M F M Religion tal Roman Catholic Presbyterian Church of Ireland Church of England Methodist Other Christian Jewish Muslim Other Not Known 1106 587 Not Completed None Refused 1431 936 2253 5277 **TOTAL** 

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**10.1.4** (a) How many children have been referred for an Assessment of

Children

Need during the reporting period i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> March

in Need 31.03.19

	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total
Number of						
Children						
Referred	150	759	1660	922	393	3884

(b) What was the source of referral for children referred for assessment of need during the reporting period i.e.  $1^{st}$  Oct  $-31^{st}$  March

Referral Source/Agent	No of Children
Police	1192
Social Worker	275
Out of Hrs Co-ord	9
Relative	145
Teacher	569
Anonymous	134
Hospital Social Worker	84
GP	111
Hospital Nurse	83
Health Visitor	55
Court	7
Probation Officer	62
Vol. Organisation	23
Self	72
Community Psych. Nurse	11
N.S.P.C.C	41
NIHE	10
Comm. Mental H/C Nurse	0
Educat Welfare Officer	40
Others	961
Total	3884

(c) Of those children referred how many have been known to Social Services in the past referred 6 months, 6 months to 12 months, >1 year from date of referral this period (ie previously known and case closed) Note: this is NOT for collection. This has been passed to BSO to be automated.

10.1.5 How many children are currently awaiting an Assessment of Need at period end by length of wait (unallocated cases including disability as at 31<sup>st</sup> March)

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Days = working days (COUNT FROM DATE OF REFERRAL/ASSESSMENT TO

MONTH END)					
Category	Type of Referral	1/2 weeks over (>20 working days <=30 working days) (WEEKS 5 and 6)	3/4 weeks over (>30 working days <=40 working days) (WEEKS 7and 8)	5 weeks + over (40 + working days) (WEEK 9+)	Total Unallocated > 20 working days
	Child Protection	0	0	0	0
Gateway	Family Support	3	0	0	3
	Disability	0	0	0	0
Family Support/Family	Child Protection	0	0	0	0
Intervention	Family Support	5	4	19	28
Team	Disability	0	0	0	0
	Child Protection	0	0	0	0
Disability	Family Support	0	0	0	0
	Disability	0	2	38	40
	Child Protection	0	0	0	0
Total	Family Support	8	4	19	31
	Disability	0	2	38	40
		8	6	57	71

How many of these Children in Need are Disabled and known to Trust Social Workers (by major category) at 31<sup>st</sup> March?

Guidance – grand total will match the total row at 10.1.1

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Major Disability	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	ot al
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	6	9	25	13	15	13	2	3	48	38	86
Sensory	1	0	12	10	19	14	11	6	3	3	46	33	79
Learning	0	0	3	2	77	40	77	34	30	18	187	94	281
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/A DHD/Aspergers	0	0	74	21	304	81	51	15	7	4	436	121	557
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (With Disability)	1	0	95	42	425	148	154	68	42	28	717	286	1003

	No Disability	86	89	467	395	1006	788	528	465	220	230	2307	1967	4274	
	Grand Total	87	89	562	437	1432	936	682	533	262	258			5277	
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10.1.7	Disabled childre period and the t								hool	duri	ng th	ne re	eport	ting	Children in Need 31.03.19
	Age at leaving school		>16	6 <17	>	17 <1	8	18-	+	Т	otal	Tr	Numl with ansite in pla	h tions	
	Disability Type		М	F	M	1   1	F	М	F	М	F		М	F	
	Physical disabili	ty	0	0	0	(	0	0	0	0	0	)	0	0	
	Sensory Impairment		0	0	0	(	0	0	0	0	0	)	0	0	
	Learning disabil	ity	0	0	0	(	0	0	0	0	0	)	0	0	
	Chronic illness		0	0	0	(	0	0	0	0	0	)	0	0	
	Autism (ASD)/ADHD/ Aspergers		0	0	0	(	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
	Other		0	0	0	(	0	0	0	0	0	)	0	0	
	TOTAL		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	)	0	0	
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10.1.8	How many Child treatment with of March														Board Return
	As of 31 <sup>st</sup> March assessment with										In N	eed	awa	niting	
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	Tier 2 – 151, Tie	er 3 –	- 152	2. Th	nis is	an ir	ocrea	ase o	f 145	5 sin	ce 3	O <sup>th</sup> S	Septe	embei	r 2018.
10.1.9	What preventate children in need defined as: form (Narrative by Head)	d are nally	not cau	invol tione	ved i	n off	endi	ng be						ehavio	our is

The Trust continues to work in partnership with a range of agencies involved in youth offending which include PSNI, Barnardos, NIACRO via the Child and Parent Support service, SELB and the Youth Justice Agency. A range of preventative action is being taken:

- The Trust is a lead partner in the Young Peoples Partnership (YPP). The YPP is a focused adolescent project, committed to supporting adolescents and their parents/carers in a preventative capacity. The Trust supports this service through the provision of staff and financial resources to assist in the management and implementation of the Adolescent Prevention and Support Strategy. This includes a multi-disciplinary team, consisting of Social Workers, Outreach workers, Youth Homeless workers, CAMHS staff and neighbourhood renewal personnel located in each legacy Trust locality. A specific emphasis is placed on children involved in and at risk of offending by the Service. Interventions are delivered via individual work and group work.
- CAPS (NIACRO) have a service level agreement with the Trust and provide intervention to families and children aged 7 to 12 years who are at risk of offending. CAPS also host the Craigavon and Banbridge family support hub and also participate in the other 2 locality Hubs and respond to appropriate referrals where there is a risk of offending behaviour.
- The Trust in consultation with other statutory, voluntary and community services has established locality based Family Support Hubs which receive and allocate referrals, including adolescents at risk of offending, to the appropriate service at an early stage. This is based on the principal of early intervention.
- The Safeguarding and Family Support Service and Corporate Parenting provide an on-going service to young people who are referred to Social Services due to offending behaviour. Support packages inclusive of individual social work support are made available to these young people to assist them to address their offending behaviours.
- The Trust is engaging with other key stakeholders via the Southern Outcomes Group which consists of statutory, voluntary and community organisations who have a key role in early intervention and prevention around offending. Planning and agreeing strategic direction in relation to the prevention of offending is central to this.
- The Trust continues to support a number of organisations with financial assistance via service level agreements to deliver locally based services to work with adolescents and their families with the objective of preventing offending.
- The restorative practice approach to intervention in the residential homes is directly aimed at reducing offending behaviour and diverting young people from the criminal justice system.

#### **10.1.10** How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers

A total of 169 Children in Need are Young Carers. This is an increase of 23 on the numbers provided at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Young Carers who are in receipt of a service from Action for Children are Children in Need.

Armagh and Dungannon – 49, Crigavon & Banbridge – 90, Newry & Mourne – 30, making a Total of 169.

10.1.11	homeless period and This infor to comple	or we detected their of their	ere referred outcome n will be s	by NIHE	to Trust as	homeless du	ot required	Board Return					
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	Playgroup	)		21	I	0							
	Childmind	der		4		1							
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	Name of Centre	Stat/ Vol	Number of by Primary for Inter	y Reason	Completed D	Ouring Period	On Waiting						
		List at Period End											
	Newry Family	Vol	Family Support	6	1	5	3						
	Resource Centre		Child Protection	16	4	14	0						
		Centre Protection Looked 3 4 18 1 After											
	Armagh Family	Vol	Family Support	4	Waiting list closed	8-10	1						

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	Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	1	4	7	11	
	Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	6	
	Total	0	1	3	4	4	2	0	1	1	1	8	9	17	
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	Supervision Order	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	ta	
	Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	3	6	9	
	Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	
	Total	0	1	1	3	4	2	1	1	0	1	6	8	14	

#### 10.2 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

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10.2.1	How mar March?	ny chile	dren	are	on th	ne Ch	ild P	rotec	tion f	Regis	ter a	as at 3	31 <sup>st</sup>	CP 31.03.19
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	Male	30		61		111		54		15		27		
	Female	32		59		118		52		18		27		
	Total	62		120		229	)	106	6	33		55	0	
10.2.2	How mar	ny of th	nese	chile	dren	have	a le	arnin	g disa	ability	<i>ι</i> ?			CP 31.03.19
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	Learning Disability	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	
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10.2.3	Physical	<′ M	1 F	1- M	-4 F	5- M	11 F	12- M	15 F	16- M	F	M	F	
10.2.3	Physical Disability Visually Disabled Hearing	<b>M</b> 0	1 F 1	<b>M</b>	- <b>4 F</b> 0	5- M	<b>11 F</b> 0	12- M	15 F	16- M	<b>F</b> 0	M 1	F 1	
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10.2.5	Ethnic origin (Note new cat														CP 31.03.19
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	White	26	24	48	48	91	_		52	47	13	18	230	240	
	Chinese	0	0	3	0	3	4	_	0	1	0	0	6	5	
	Irish Traveller	0	0	0	0	1	1		0	0	0	0	1	1	
	Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	1	1		0	0	0	0	1	1	
	Indian	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	
	Bangladeshi Black	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	U	
	Caribbean Black	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
	African	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Black other	1	3	1	6	5	1		0	1	0	0	7	11	
	Mixed Ethnic Group	0	1	2	4	3	2		0	0	1	0	6	7	
	Any other Ethnic Group	0	0	3	0	1	1		1	1	1	0	6	2	
	Not stated	3	4	4	1	6	5		1	2	0	0	14	12	
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10.2.6	How many	regis	tratio	ons h	nave	ther	e be	en (	duri	ng t	he p	erioc	l?		CP 31.03.19
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	Male	31		37		5	57		17		4	1	1	46	
	Female	34		23		5	58		24			1	1	40	
	TOTAL	65		60		1	15		41		ţ	5	2	86	
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10.2.7	How ma	any (	de-re	egist	ratio	ns h	ave	ther	e be	en c	durin	g the	perio	od?	CP 31.03.19
	Time on Reg	AG	ЭΕ												
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	1<2yr	0	0	14	13	23	16	14	8	5	7	56	44	100	
	2<3yrs	0	0	6	9	7	7	4	5	1	3	18	24	42	
	3<5yrs	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	4	3	7	
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parents. Extensive intervention, education and safety planning work completed and no further evidence of concern led to de – registration.

Children re – registered when recurrence of alcohol misuse and violence from mother directed towards father.

#### Family 3

Family of 6 children brought to Child Protection process and originally subject of registration due to domestic violence by father of youngest children. Couple separated after CP registration and undertook extensive intervention. Children de-registered when couple did not resume relationship and no concerns re mother's care.

Re - Registered due to concerns re mother's new partner's history of violence outside the home and need for safety plan.

#### Family 4

2 children. Names placed on CPR due to mother's alcohol abuse and mental health difficulties (mother was single parent). Children's names removed from CPR when they became LAC and were placed with maternal grandmother.

Matter brought back for management within Child Protection Process and re – registered when mother resumed care of children following period of intensive intervention.

#### Family 5

Family with 2 children. Original child Protection Registration due to Step Father (Dad of one of the children) driving while drunk with both children in car. Also concerns re Suspected Domestic Violence. Following lengthy period of involvement and intervention children's names removed from CPR as no indications of further concern.

Case re – entered child Protection process and children names re – added to CPR when evidence emerged of domestic violence and continuing alcohol abuse by father.

#### Family 6

Two Children – Initial Child Protection Registration due to unstable relationship between parents and alcohol misuse. Period of intensive intervention however parents breached Safety Plan and children became LAC placed in Kinship Placement at which stage they were De-Registered and case managed via LAC process.

Case re – entered Child Protection Process (Procedural Requirement) and re-registered when parental relationship ceased and father assumed sole care with extensive support and safety plan in place. Children's names added to CPR again.

10.2.10	For children on th Register (as at 10		r, how lo	ng have	they sp	ent on t	he	CP 31.03.19						
	Duration	Age Gro	ups											
		Under 1 Year	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total							
	Less than 3 Months	23	19	38	22	1	103							
	3 Months < 6 Months	25	30	67	20	5	147							
	6 Months < 1 Year	14	38	57	28	6	143							
	1 Year < 2 Years	0	24	42	21	13	100							
	2 Years < 3 Years		9	20	13	4	46							
	3 Years or More		0	5	2	4	11							
	TOTAL	62	120	229	106	33	550							
10.2.11	Gateway Family Intervention Service Looked After Children													
10.2.12	Commentary on T			rotectio	n Registe	er								
	Trend Analysis and c	ommentary	/											
	As indicated in 10 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 September 2018, ongoing basis via	is 550. T The Tru the Prior	his indicust and rity 5 mo	cates ar HSBC r inthly ret	n increas monitors turns and	e of 55 child p d quarte	from the rotection a	figure at 30 <sup>th</sup> activity on an						
10.2.13	l = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	-	ime chil	dren spe	end on re	egister,								
	Trend Analysis and c	ommentary	/											
	Commentary on length of time children spend on register, particularly >1 year  Trend Analysis and commentary  There are 157 children whose names have been on the CPR for more than 12 months at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019, 57 of whom have been on for more than 24 months. There has been a slight decrease from position 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 where there were 60 children whose names were on the CPR for more than 24 months. The reasons for lengthy registrations remain relatively unchanged, ie the time taken to complete multiple assessments, the protracted nature of criminal proceedings in relation to alleged adult offenders and changing family circumstances. A small number of these children may also be subject to care proceedings initiated by the Trust due to lack of progress with Child Protection Plans but the Court, while granting an Interim Care Order, will not agree to the children's removal from parental care, thus making de-registration impossible.													
	The Independent which have been				•									

	reducing the level of risk.
10.2.14	Commentary on what measures are being taken to tackle overdue case Conferences and the length of time children spend on the register
	Trend Analysis and commentary
	There were 4 Initial Case Conference held outside the 15 working days timescale, however there were 25 case conferences held outside the 3 month and 6 month requirements. This is an increase of 1 from the previous period. The main reasons for Case Conferences being overdue were: lack of a quorum on the identified date; relevant personnel unavailable to attend; to facilitate parental involvement.
	In conjunction with Community Paediatricians & Child Protection Nurses, the Independent Chairpersons continue to implement specific schedules for convening Initial Case Conferences in each locality to maximise attendance. These appear to be working satisfactorily at present and are monitored on an ongoing basis.
	The Independent Case Conference Chairs remain very focussed on those children whose names remain on the Child Protection Register for over 18 months and Child Protection Plans are developed to expedite assessments/specialist interventions as quickly as possible. Lengthy criminal court processes remain a significant factor in delays. The Case Conference Chairs continue to refer to the Independent Assessors Panel when criteria is met and it continues to be an active and beneficial process.

#### 10.3 Children (NI) Order 1995

#### **Looked After Children**

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

	<	1	1.	-4	5-	11	12	-15	10	ô+	Tot	al	То
Legal status	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	tal
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	2	0	14	6	9	10	8	7			33	23	56
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									6	7	6	7	13
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	1	0	3	4	9	12	6	4	0	0	19	20	39
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									0	1	0	1	1
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
Art. 44 (6) Interim Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 50 (1) (a) Care Order	1	0	18	15	65	58	58	46	33	33	175	152	327
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	6	5	15	18	18	15	11	9	2	6	52	53	105
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	6	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	8	9	17
TOTAL	10	5	56	48	103	97	84	66	42	49	295	265	560

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

	<	:1	1.	-4	5-	11	12	-15	10	ĵ+	To	tal	То
Religion	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	tal
Roman Catholic	6	5	36	25	65	65	53	49	29	33	189	177	366
Presbyterian	2	0	3	3	12	11	4	7	7	1	28	22	50
Church of Ireland	1	0	7	10	10	6	12	5	4	6	34	27	61
Church of England	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2
Methodist	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	5
Other Christian	1	0	7	5	8	11	13	2	2	4	31	22	53
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	5
Not Known	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Not Completed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
None	0	0	1	4	3	2	1	1	0	2	5	9	14
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	5	56	48	103	97	84	66	42	49	295	265	560

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	<	1		-4	ე -	11	12	-15	10	<b>ò</b> +	10	tal	
Ethnicity	M	H.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	To tal
White	10	5	49	46	96	94	74	63	38	47	267	255	522
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish Traveller	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	4
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
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
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL	10	5	56	48	103	97	84	66	42	49	295	265	560
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	6	1	7
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	2	6
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	3	2	4	1	3	1	0	0	10	4	1
Black Other	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	2	6
Black African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C

10.3.3 Number of Looked After Children (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 31<sup>st</sup> March

All Looked	After Children	<	:1	1.	-4	5-	11	12	-15	16	ĵ+	Тс	tal	Т
All Looked	After Children	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	ot al
Residenti	Statutory	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	2	7	4	18	6	24
al	Voluntary	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	1	0	1	0	1
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
	Residential Total	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	2	9	4	21	6	27
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	6	4	20	21	40	46	39	31	6	18	111	120	231
	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	3	5
Kinship Care	Kinship Care (Friends/relati ves) – Approved at Stage 1	2	0	7	6	4	15	4	3	1	1	18	25	43
Gale	Kinship Care (Friends/Relati ves) – Approved at Stage 2	1	0	11	10	32	22	21	19	17	11	82	62	144
	Unregulated (In Placement > 12	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	5

Overall TO	ΓAL	10	5	56	48	103	97	84	66	42	49	295	265
Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	7
Placed for Ad Children, with a Car Adoptive Parents)	option (LAC e Order, placed with	0	0	6	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	8	7
Placed at Hor	ne with Parents	1	1	7	6	19	5	5	8	8	8	40	28
	Fostering Total	9	4	43	38	80	89	69	56	24	30	225	217
	Independent Providers	0	0	3	0	1	3	4	3	0	0	8	6
	weeks and not yet approved)												

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

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Length of time	<	1	1	-4	5-	11	12	-15	16	ô+	То	tal	T
Looked After at period end	M	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	ot al
< 3 months	1	1	2	5	6	7	5	4	2	1	16	18	34
3 months to < 1year	9	4	10	14	14	14	7	4	4	6	44	42	86
1 year < 3 years	0	0	35	25	26	29	27	23	12	20	10 0	97	197
3 years < 5years	0	0	9	4	28	16	10	6	9	10	56	36	92
5years < 10 years	0	0	0	0	29	31	27	21	13	9	69	61	130
10+ years	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	2	3	10	11	21
Total	10	5	56	48	103	97	84	66	42	49	295	265	560

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

							C	Childr	en/Yo	ung	Peopl	le						
		<1			1-4			5-11			12-15	5		16+			Tota	
Name of Unit	No. of Chil dre n	Eve nts / Epi sod es	Tot al Ove r nig ht	No. of Ch/ YP	Eve nts / Epi sod es	Tot al Ove r nig ht	No. of Ch/ YP	Eve nts / Epi sod es	Tot al Ove r nig ht	No. of Ch/ YP	Eve nts/ Epi sod es	Tot al Ove r nig ht	No. of Ch/ YP	Eve nts / Epi sod es	Tot al Ove r nig ht	No. of Ch/ YP	Eve nts / Epi sod es	Tot al Ove r nig ht
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	9	2	41	57	0	0	0	3	50	66
2	0	0	0	1	5	10	3	29	42	30	411	759	14	138	251	48	583	1062
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	73	111	14	128	239	8	71	106	28	272	456

	TOTAL	0	0	0	1 5	10	10	111	162	46	580	1055	22	209	357	79	905	1584	
	Foster Unit 1 =	Care = Fee	rs and	on red Uni	espite sho													100.	
1000	Unit 2 = Unit 3 =	= Sho	ort Bre	aks															
10.3.6	3 child 1 youn centre, 1 youn	dren g pe St I g pe	with erson Nicho	disa in A las in Iv	accomi bilities: Alnwood Hospita veagh. Beechcro	med I, Ne	dium wca:	secu stle-l	ure ir Upor	npat	ient :						tmer	nt	
10.3.7					accomi al Care											acilit	y. F	or	LAC 31.03.19
	Facil	ity N	Nam	e					lace	me	nt				R	esi	ber dent erioc	t	
						l	Jnde 16	er		16	6+	-	Γota	al		Er			
							0			0			0			0			
	Total						0			0			0			0	)		
					oly to hos s criteria a										ne un	regul	ated		
10.3.8	car	e fo	r thes	se L	statuto ooked A es, foste	fter	Child	dren	i.e. r	now		y pl	aces	in	to				LAC 31.03.19
	Name Reside Uni	ntial	Statu	tory	Voluntar	y Pri	vate	-	o of eds	ava	lo of Beds ailabl Trus	e oc	Trust % cupa .10.1 1.3.1	ncy 8 –	No d Resp bed	ite	Res % occup		
	Woodsid	le	Ye	s	No	ı	No		5		5		77%	)	0		0	)	
	Cedargro	ove	Ye	s	No		No		5		5		99%	)	0		0	)	
	Edenvilla		Ye	s	No	ı	No		5		5		73%	·	0		0	)	
	Becomb Lodge	ra	Ye	s	No	ı	No		5		5		96%	, )	0		0	)	
	Cherrygr	rove	Ye	s	No	ı	No		5		5		89%	)	0		0	)	
	Willowgr	ove	No	)	Yes	ı	No		0		0		0		4		98	%	

Oaklands	Yes	No	No	0	0	0	4	70%
Carrickore	Yes	No	No	0	0	0	8	53%

(b) Provide your number of foster carers (should agree with 10.5.1) 438 Provide the number of approved places offered (should agree with 10.5.2) 546

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

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Placement changes	0-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
r lacement changes	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F
Number who moved once	8	9	9	10	8	9	9	4	34	32
Number who moved twice	2	1	3	1	4	1	1	0	10	3
Number who moved 3 times	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	6	4
Number who moved 4 times or more	0	2	4	3	3	5	0	3	7	13
Total	10	12	18	15	17	17	12	8	57	52

Trust must provide separate narrative / detailed explanation of every child who has 'moved more than 4 times or more' during the period.

#### Child/ Young Person 1

Young Person LAC due to presenting behaviours beyond parental control – challenging boundaries, absconding, alcohol misuse and violent outbursts. Foster Placement broke down due to these challenging behaviours. Young person placed in a series (3) Short Term Foster Placements all of whom had other commitments and could not offer longer care arrangements. Following overnight with father Young Person moved to Supported Lodging arrangements where they have settled and remained (supported by one further brief move to father).

#### Child/ Young Person 2

Young Person subject of Interim Care Order deemed beyond parental control. Foster Placement breakdown due to challenging behaviours (non-adherence to boundaries) led to move to emergency placement and move back to substantive Foster Placement which then ended. Young Person had a number of moves to Emergency Foster Placements while alternate placements being sought. Now placed with family member.

#### Child/ Young Person 3

Child in Foster Care subject of Freeing Order. Had 2 separate stays with same

Foster Carers (as respite) to accommodate Foster Carer planned holiday. Has since moved to prospective adoptive placement.

#### Child/ Young Person 4

Child, eldest of four children. Subject of Care Order due to significant Domestic Violence within home and mother's mental health difficulties. Child is in mother's care (single parent) supported by monthly respite and a period back in foster care while mother in hospital and during mother's recovery – consistent respite arrangements in place.

#### Child/ Young Person 5

Child became LAC Accommodated status due to mother's (single parent) mental ill health. Child avails of regular respite (with same foster carers) to support mother.

#### Child/Young Person 6

Child subject of Care Order. Family history of domestic violence and physical abuse. Placed in Long Term Intensive Support Foster Placement due to very challenging behaviours – placement ended resulting in placement moves between 2 separate placements pending identification of a further intensive support placement. Child has now moved to that placement.

#### Child/Young Person 7

Young Person LAC Accommodated Status as was deemed 'beyond parental care'. Situation settled within Foster Placement and following work with mother and partner young person had a number of moves between foster placement and mother's care as part of rehabilitation and post return to mother's care continued with respite support in Foster Care.

#### Child/Young Person 8

Young Person subject of Care Order and LAC due to extensive family history of domestic violence, alcohol abuse, and neglect. Presents with challenging and aggressive behaviours. Long Term Foster Placement broke down following serious assault by Young Person on Foster Carer. Young Person moved to a series of Emergency and Short Term Foster Placements all of which ended due to continuing disruptive behaviours of Young Person. Young person placed in residential placement pending identification of further Foster Placement.

#### Child/Young Person 9

Sibling Group of 2 became LAC and subject of CO due to alcohol misuse, Mental III Health and unstable lifestyle of mother. Placed with Family Member. Kinship placement is supported with regular respite with identified respite carers.

#### Child/Young Person 10

Sibling Group of 2 became LAC and subject of CO due to alcohol misuse, Mental III Health and unstable lifestyle of mother. Placed with Family Member. Kinship placement is supported with regular respite with identified respite carers

#### Child/Young Person 11

Young Person subject of Care Order - Long Term LAC as result of extensive physical abuse by parents. Long Term Foster Placement under stress due to relationship difficulties between carers and young person. Supported by 2 separate respite Foster Care arrangements. Substantive placement ended and

Young person moved to Short Term Placement pending establishment of longer term arrangement.

#### Child/Young Person 12

Young Person subject of Care Order Long Term LAC due to domestic violence and alleged sexual abuse within family. Settled within Long Term foster placement supported by respite with identified respite Foster Carers – also has occasional overnight stays with separate identified extended family members.

#### Child/Young Person 13

Young person became LAC and subject of Interim Care Order due to chronic neglect by parents. Had been settled in foster care however difficulties developed in placement due to relationship with foster carer. Placement supported by respite with other foster carers (known to young person). Young person has now moved to new substantive foster placement.

#### Child/Young Person 14

Child subject of Care Order due to family history of extensive neglect while in mother's care (single parent). Child in Long Term Kinship placement - avails of regular overnight stay with mother as part of contact arrangement and to maintain relationship.

#### Child/Young Person 15

Third eldest child in family of 4 children - Voluntary Accommodated — extensive history of severe neglect and allegations of physical abuse by both parents. Child was in Short Term Foster Placement which ended due to difficulties managing behaviour and child being physically very rough towards Carers' children. Child moved to Emergency Carer and then to further Short Term Placement which broke down within a few days due to challenging behaviours. There was a further move to an Emergency Foster Carer leading to placement with Short Term Foster Carers.

#### Child/Young Person 16

Young Person (eldest of 4 children) Voluntary Accommodated – extensive history of severe neglect and allegations of physical abuse by both parents. Foster Placement ended when Young Person refused to return due to antagonistic relationship with sibling (in same placement). Was moved to Emergency Placement and then to Short Term Placement which broke down due to attention seeking behaviours. This was followed by move to further Short Term Placement - two respite moves were required to cover holiday plans of those carers (made prior to placement). Young Person remains in this placement with regular respite to assist in management of demanding behaviours.

#### Child/Young Person 17

Child became LAC and subject of ICO due to alcohol abuse by mother (single parent) and unstable care. Mother is no longer engaging with services. Child in Short Term Foster placement which is supported with regular respite (with same respite carers).

#### Child/Young Person 18

One of a sibling group of 2 Young People - were in sole care of father (mother

deceased) became LAC (Emergency) due to neglect. Admitted to Short Term Foster Care and returned to father's care however further neglect issues led to both becoming LAC. Placed in Short Term Foster Placement support by Respite Carers - Short Term Placement broke down due to difficulties managing sibling rivalry and indications of emotional distress by one of the children. This led to a move to a further Short Term foster Placement.

#### Child/Young Person 19

One of a sibling group of 2 Young People – were in sole care of father (mother deceased) became LAC (Emergency) due to neglect. Admitted to Short Term Foster Care and returned to father's care however further neglect issues led to both becoming LAC. Placed in Short Term Foster Placement support by Respite Carers - Short Term Placement broke down due to difficulties managing sibling rivalry and indications of emotional distress by one of the children. This led to a move to a further Short Term foster Placement.

#### Child/Young Person 20

Young Person became LAC Accommodated Status following allegations of physical and sexual abuse by father. Substantive Foster Care Placement ended following difficulties in relationship between Young Person and child of Foster Carers. Young Person had respite placement and then moved to further Short Term placement with respite support before moving to Supported Living arrangement.

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

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There were 3 Looked After Children awaiting assessment or treatment with CAMHS as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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

Referrals	Foster Care (nonkin/ traditional)	Kinship Foster Care	Residenti al Care	Young People Exiting Care	Post Adoption Support	TOTAL
Total Number of Referrals received this period	26	3	2	10	10	54
Source of these referrals received from						
Child's Social Worker	26	3	2	10	10	24
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
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0

			1	1	ı	1
Number of Referrals Accepted	24	2	2	10	10	51
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	2	1	0	0	0	3
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 su	bstantive pla	cement			
Number of children engaged with the Service at period start date	104	4	18	0	41	168
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	2	2	2	6	31
			T		T	
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	109	5	20	5	40	168
Service delivery during the period						
Number of Reviews undertaken	745					
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	7					
Number on waiting list at end of period	6					
Number of DNAs during the period	44					
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	12					
For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average length of involvement (weeks)	72					

Consultations provided by the Service during the period			
	Number	Number which	
		were repeat	
Social worker	305	221	
CAMHS	0	0	
DAMS	0	0	
Teacher	0	0	
Psychiatry	0	0	
GP	0	0	
Carers/adoptive parents	0	0	
One off	3	0	
(c) Please provide narrative to contextualize data and data.			
There were 3 Looked After Children awaiting assessm Adolescent Mental Health Service as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 20°			

Adolescent Mental Health Service as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Of these 1 is within the Tier 2 CAMHS and 2 are within the Tier 3 CAMHS. All have assessments booked and will be seen within 9 weeks.

10.3.11 How many Looked After Children are also on Child Protection Register at 31<sup>st</sup>
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	<	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total	
	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	ot al
Looked After Children on the Child Protection Register	2	1	0	2	4	12	4	3	1	1	11	19	30

10.3.12 How many Looked After Children are Disabled by major category at period end?

	<	1	1	-4	5-	11	12	-15	10	6+	То	tal	T	
	M	F	M	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	M	F	t	
Major Disability													a I	
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	
Sensory	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Learning	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	1	4	3	7	

Chronic illness	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	4
Autism(ASD)/ Aspergers/ADHD	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	6	2	10	5	15
Other (undefined)	0	1	2	0	3	2	2	4	0	0	7	7	14
TOTAL Children With Disability	0	1	2	3	9	3	6	10	6	5	23	22	45
No Disability known	10	4	54	45	94	94	78	56	36	44	272	243	515
Total Looked After Children	10	5	56	48	103	97	84	66	42	49	295	265	560

How many Looked After Children have a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) by school status at period end?

Statement of Educational Needs	M	F	Total
Primary school	26	13	39
Secondary school	8	4	12
Special School	3	1	4
Total	37	18	55

10.3.14 (a) Has each Looked After Child an allocated and named social worker at period end?

All Looked After Children had an allocated and named Social Worker at period end.

(b) Please state the number of Looked After Children who were without an allocated and named social worker during the period and give explanations. (Narrative)

During the period there were no Looked After Children who did not have an allocated and named social worker.

10.3.15 (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?

All Looked After Children had and allocated and named social worker at period end.

The Trust has a statutory duty to visit each looked after child in their placement

once every month except for respite placements where the requirement is every six months. Within the reporting period there were a total of 21 children who did not receive a statutory visit during a particular month by their allocated and named social worker.

(b) Please state the number of Looked After Children who did not receive a statutory visit at least once a month during the period by their allocated and named social worker and give explanations. (Narrative)

Within the reporting period there were a total of 21 children who did not receive a statutory visit during a particular month by their allocated and named social worker. Reasons for this included: social worker on sick leave or urgently required to attend Court; visit cancelled by foster carer, young person not available when social worker visited the placement; Change of social worker and adverse weather. There have been some staffing challenges associated with Maternity leave and sick leave and difficulties in getting temporary staff cover.

Where it was not possible for the statutory visit to be carried out by the allocated social worker, the visit was carried out by another available social worker. Visits were undertaken as soon as possible by either the named social worker or another member of the team. Each case was risk assessed by the team manager in regular consultation with the Head of Service. All cases were allocated as soon as new staff took up post. This continues to be monitored via the internal Roles and Responsibility returns which are submitted to and reviewed by the relevant Assistant Directors.

## 10.3.16 Was the case of each Looked After Child reviewed in line with Statutory requirements? (Narrative)

The Care Plan for each Looked After Child (including those availing of respite) 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 4 Independent Chairpersons as well as 2 Service Managers within LAC who are responsible for chairing all Looked After Children reviews and case conferences.

A total of 573 LAC reviews occurred within this time period of which 44 (7.68%) were outside timeframes.

A significant factor during this time period has been the absence of one of the Independent Chairpersons on long term sick leave resulting in that workload having to be redistributed with subsequent delays in achieving alternative dates. Other reasons for reviews not occurring within timescales have included family requests for a different date, availability of key personnel or key assessment documentation to assist decision-making, absence of Social Worker/Team Leader due to urgent Court attendance.

Staff are now more familiar with, and competent in the use of, the Paris Community

40.0.47	Information Systems and the new UNOCINI LAC documentation. While there had been some initial upheaval for both staff and service users and carers in adjusting to the new format of reports and minutes these are now well embedded in practice.  There are some occasional difficulties with review scheduling due to the challenges of filling staff vacancies but every effort is made to minimize these issues and ensure that Care Plans are reviewed in a timely manner.	
10.3.17	No. of Looked After Children Reviews held during the period  A total of 573 LAC reviews took place during this period.	
10.3.18	No. of these Looked After Children Reviews which during the period were outside of statutory timescales and why  Of the 573 Looked After Review held within the period 44 were outside of statutory timescales.  Reasons for reviews being outside the timeframes include parents requesting different dates for valid reasons, key people not being available to attend, a key assessment report not being available, to accommodate a young person to attend their review, social workers being unavailable e.g. on sick leave or in court. Every effort continues to be made to ensure that Initial Reviews are convened within, or close to, timeframes to ensure appropriate and prompt initial care plans are in place.	
10.3.19	For children accommodated by the Trust under Article 21 of the Children Order, what arrangements has the Trust in place to ensure that it has the appropriate degree of parental responsibility to care for these children? (Narrative)  The LAC review of the child's care plan has a standing item on the agenda in relation to the need to change the child's legal status. This is the main method of ensuring an appropriate level of parental responsibility. Legal status is especially considered at the review which rules out rehabilitation to determine if there is a necessity for an order to progress a care plan of long term care. The progress of children's cases is also monitored through ongoing staff supervision and through the Permanency Panel. The LAC register is periodically reviewed by the Assistant Director for Corporate Parenting and where there are potential issues regarding long term Voluntary Accommodation of LAC this is brought to the attention of the relevant Head of Service for consideration. The Principal Practitioner for LAC has undertaken periodic audits of children who remain voluntary accommodated to ensure that is an appropriate legal status and this audit will be repeated on a rolling basis.	
10.3.20	Is there an adequate supply of placements for children to enable placement choice?	

(Narrative)

#### **Children With Disabilities**

The paucity of care placements for children with disabilities has continued to present very significant challenges within Children's Disability Services. A lack of options has resulted in the new 3 bedded unit in Carrickore, 'Bluebell House', having to change direction in terms of its proposed function. Plans to develop it as a time-limited therapeutic service to stabilise a child's behaviour and work intensively work with parents to help them manage their child's needs and behavior, have had to be deferred. It was envisaged that this new way of working between Carrickore and ID CAMHS would help keep families intact and ultimately reduce the number of children requiring full time specialist placements, which had previously had to be secured outside Northern Ireland.

However, the immediate needs of 3 young people requiring care placements resulted in a decision to provide this care in Bluebell House. The unit is therefore currently full, but a 4th young person also needed a care placement recently and had to be placed in the Short Breaks unit in Carrickore when nothing else could be identified. Staffing difficulties have meant that short breaks have had to be reduced in Oaklands in Armagh and no short breaks are currently available in Carrickore, in order to provide full time care for these 4 young people. This has had a detrimental impact on the children and families who depend on the short breaks service, many of whom view it as essential for them in being able to continue in their caring role. It has also resulted in local public representatives contacting the Trust expressing concern, and further negative publicity for the Trust in the local media. The Trust has also breached regulations regarding the number of days the young person has been in the short breaks unit and is working with RQIA to address this and return to compliance. Staffing levels should improve in the near future as interviews for posts are to take place mid-April and some staff are due to return to work from long term sick leave.

Internal work is being progressed at Assistant Director /senior management level about the model for Bluebell House, with a new cross-disciplinary / cross-service-area Development Group being established. Its primary function will be to identify a suitable therapeutic framework for the provision of residential care for children with intellectual disabilities and complex emotional / emotional / behavioural difficulties who require full time and permanent substitute care. This work will be informed in part by the learning from the recent pilot project in Bluebell House whereby dedicated OT and SLT service has been provided 'on the floor', directly within the service. This has been a very positive initiative and highlights the need to have a multi-professional, integrated approach within the model.

The recruitment, assessment, training and support of short breaks carers has also continued within CwD services. These carers provide day and overnight care to children on a regular basis, and capacity to provide for children with complex physical care and / or significant behavioural difficulties has been enhanced by the recent approval of another set of salaried carers. The Short Breaks Team continues to work in collaboration with Family Placement, such as a recent child specific recruitment campaign which continues to be co-worked across the two services. The need for emergency placements has recently become a pertinent

10.3.24	riease provide the number of restraints carried out by stail on young people within	LAC
10.3.24	Please provide the number of restraints carried out by staff on young people within	LAC
	11 children are deemed to be in a temporary placement that require an alternative placement to meet their needs.	
10.3.23	How many children are deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs? (Narrative)	
	If an exemption? (Narrative)  If an exemption to the usual fostering limit is required, then the Senior Social Worker and Social Worker from the relevant fostering team complete a report requesting the application and reporting on the areas listed in schedule 5.4(2) of the Children (NI) Order 1995. The majorities of requests are completed in a planned way and are presented to the Trust Family Placement Panel for consideration and approval. In cases where an exemption is required immediately or outside of a panel sitting, then the request and report is considered and approved at Senior Manager or the Assistant Director in the absence of a senior manager and the request is subsequently presented at the next panel for further consideration and continued approval if required.	
10.3.22	What is the formal scheme of delegation that specifies who can agree such an exemption?	
	There was 1 exemption to the normal fostering limit. Exemptions for foster carers who has 3 children in placement and who also facilitated numbers of short out of hours emergency placements usually lasting only a few days  • The Exemption is to facilitate the placement of a sibling group.	
10.3.21	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? (Narrative)	
	The Trust continues to experience challenges in relation to recruiting sufficient numbers of new non Kinship foster carers to meet the placements demand. Family Placement Services continue efforts both regionally and Trust wide to increase the stock of foster carers in order to increase choice of placements.	
	Family Placement The Trust continues to experience challenges in relation to recruiting sufficient	
	Children's Disability Services has continued its' ongoing drive to ensure a comprehensive range of support services are available to children with disabilities and their families as a preventative approach to family support. A wide range of options are available, including light touch community-based opportunities, more individualised support through contracted services, and specialist support such as residential short breaks care and short breaks carers.	
	issue and the team is now looking at how to develop this.	

#### each Home during the period

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Name of Home: Bocombra								
	Prin	nary	Secor	ndary	16	5+	То	tal
Reason for Use of Restraint	М	F	М	F	М	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: Cedargrove								
	Prin	nary	Secor	ndary	16	5+	Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	М	F	М	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: Cherrygrove								
	Prin	nary	Secor	ndary	16	<b>6</b> +	Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	1	0	0	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	1	0	0	0	1
How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Name of Home: Edenvilla								
	Prin	nary	Secor	ndary	16	5+	Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	М	F	М	F	М	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	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	1	0	0	0	1	0
How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Name of Home: Woodside								
	Prin	nary	Secor	ndary	16	5+	Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	М	F	М	F	М	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

Do all looked after children have a concurrent plan by the time of their first 3 month statutory LAC Review?

The permanence needs of all Looked After Children are considered at each LAC review and in line with the Regional Permanence Policy. The majority of Looked After Children have a Care Plan of rehabilitation from their initial LAC 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.

The permanence needs of each Looked After Child 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.

The Trust has embedded the principles of the Home on Time project and the concurrent care approach into mainstream LAC services based on the success of the project in the Trust. The project has achieved its goal of permanent care in a timelier manner for this small group of young children. The Trust is now proactively seeking to place very young children in concurrent placements at an early stage when initial assessment has indicated high levels of concern about achieving rehabilitation.

#### **10.3.26** Permanency Planning for Looked After Children at period end

D DI		1	1-	4	5-1	11	12	-15	16+		Total		
Permanency Plan	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	Total
Return to Birth Family	3	1	14	14	23	24	11	8	11	10	62	57	119
Return to Kinship Carers outside LAC system (Friend/Relative/Family Placement)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Adoption	1	2	17	11	3	5	0	0	0	0	21	18	39
Long term Fostering (Including Kinship)	1	0	18	15	68	60	59	50	21	26	167	151	318
Supported Living/Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	7	9	7	16
Other	1	1	3	1	2	2	9	3	2	5	17	12	29
Total	6	4	52	41	96	91	82	61	41	48	277	245	522
Number of children not included above as they have been in care for less than 9 months	4	1	4	7	7	6	2	5	1	1	18	2	0 38
Number where plan has been in place for 12 months or more and yet to be achieved	0	0	18	8	45	41	45	37	17	20	125	5 10	06 231

#### 10.3.27 Can foster carers get access to support 24 hours a day throughout the period? (Narrative) Foster carers approved within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust are supported between 9.00am-5.00pm by a named supervising social worker. The Regional Service Out of Hours Service RESWS is in place to provide support outside of office hours. The Trust provides funding for foster carers membership fees of Fostering Network and in turn this gives all Trust Fostercarers access to 24 hour support from this service. 10.3.28 What action is being taken to monitor and reduce the number of placement moves experienced by Looked After Children? (Narrative) The Trust are very conscious of the number of placement moves experienced by a small number of Looked After young people especially the under 12s. These are, in the main, some of the most challenging and complex young people within our care. The number of placement moves is being monitored and addressed at a number of levels: the Chairpersons monitor placement stability and any moves at each LAC review and escalate concerns to Head of Service when appropriate; all moves, both planned and unplanned, are recorded on the monthly Roles & Responsibilities return which is reviewed by both Head of Service and Assistant Director. Where a pattern of frequent moves is identified, that young person is referred to the Trust's Resource Panel to consider their assessed placement needs and the appropriateness of each placement. The Resource Panel is proactively monitoring trends and seeking options for greater placement stability for all LAC young people but especially the under 12s for whom multiple moves add to their sense of trauma. placement moves are also monitored via the monthly Permanence Panel meetings with appropriate referrals to the Resource Panel when required. ongoing recruitment of new carers within Family Placement will enhance and increase opportunities for better matching of young people with placements and will, through time, ultimately lead to greater stability and less moves. 10.3.29 LAC (a) How many Looked After Children are involved in offending 31.03.19 behaviour (are formally cautioned or convicted) 16 17 1-4 5-11 12-15 TOTAL ot F M F F M M F M F M F M M F Age al 0 0 3 1 2 8 Cautioned

Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	1	0	5	1	14	3	17
Convicted					0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
Remanded					0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	4

and

(b) How many Looked After Children are suspected to use drugs and/or alcohol?

	<	:1	1-	-4	5-11		12-15		16		1	7	TO	TAL	Т
Age	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	H	М	F	М	F	ot al
Use Alcohol					0	0	1	4	1	0	1	2	3	6	9
Use Drugs					0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Use Drugs and Alcohol					0	0	8	2	1	1	6	2	15	5	20
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	2	1	7	4	19	12	31

What is being done in partnership with other agencies to reduce the volume of Looked After Children involved in offending behavior?

(Narrative)

Social work staff in LAC teams, 14 plus teams and residential care work closely with the Youth Justice Agency, the PSNI Reducing Offending Team and the PSNI Youth Diversion Team to reduce offending behaviours among Looked After Children. Links have been developed with the Bail Support Scheme (Youth Justice Agency) with the objective of enabling young people to adhere to any bail conditions to avoid the potential of being remanded to custody.

CAPS (NIACRO) also work with children including Looked After Children under the age of 12 who are at risk of offending.

When a young person is admitted to Residential care staff work closely with relevant agencies including the PSNI, Youth Justice Agency and Probation Service to educate and support young people who have, or are at risk of offending. There is ongoing work with relevant other agencies, both statutory and voluntary agencies in respect of misuse of drugs or alcohol to try to break this cycle and thus reduce potential for offending behavior.

The Trust, under transformational investment funding has recently established a Peripatetic Residential Support Team; one of the objectives of this team is to engage young people who live in in residential care in meaningful diversionary activities within their local communities thus aiming to prevent offending behaviour, and to support the young person to settle within their residential placements.

LAC, 14 plus teams, and residential teams work with a number of services such as the YPP outreach service, fostering outreach service and services external to the Trust e.g. VOYPIC, CAPS, Extern to engage young people in preventative services aimed at avoiding risk of offending.

Relevant agencies concerned with the prevention of offending are invited to become involved in the planning and review process for specific LAC cases where there is a need for such intervention.

Further, where appropriate there is engagement with Forensic CAMHS on case specific basis to assist with understanding a young person's offending and to develop strategies for diversionary activities on return to community placement. There is also multi agency planning meetings to prepare for a young person's discharge from the Juvenile Justice Centre to optimise opportunities for a successful transition back to the community.

Social services, Youth Justice Agency and the PSNI engage at a strategic level under the auspices of the Missing Children protocol and have developed working arrangements which is effective in relation to sharing information and expertise re: offending and children at risk of same.

10.3.31 What action is being taken to address the health needs of Looked After Children? (Narrative)

The Trust has a statutory responsibility to ensure that all Looked After Children have a statutory medical examination completed within the required timescales.

The Trust also ensures that Looked After Children/Young People admitted into care for the first-time have an initial health assessment completed by the three month Looked After Children Review. The health assessment provides a valuable baseline assessment of the Child/Young Person'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/Young Person's needs and aims to promote good multi-disciplinary communication. The health assessment is made available for the Statutory Medical and Looked After Children Review.

The Trust implements the Southern Health and Social Care Trust's 'Looked After Children and Young People - Personal Development Guidance for Staff and Carers' Document (2013). The document provides guidance for staff and carers regarding the key areas of personal development that should be discussed with the Child/Young Person at appropriate developmental stages. The guidance document is available via the Trust intranet. The Personal Development Guidance is referenced at Looked After Children Review Meetings and the Independent Chairperson should agree in co-operation with the Child/Young Person and other Participants what personal development work is required and who will be responsible for its delivery.

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). This document is available via the Trust intranet. 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).

The Trust ensures that all Looked After Children are easily identified on the Child Health System and this helps alert the Health Professionals that there is a Child who may require additional support.

The Trust has a Scaffold Consultation and Therapeutic Service which provides specialist input to support the emotional and psychological wellbeing of Looked after Children. This service aims to support staff in addressing the complex health needs of Looked After Children 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, Specialist Nursing and Primary Mental Health staff. Input is provided to adopted Children and their Families, Children and Young People in foster and residential care, and Young People who receive aftercare services. Inputs include direct therapeutic work, training and consultation, and supports to Staff and Carers.

The Trust has a Specialist Nurse for Looked after Children. The Specialist Nurse for Looked After Children's role and remit is to provide advice, guidance and information on a wide range of health related issues to Looked After Children and Young People in Care (aged 11 to 18), Carers, Social Workers and other Professionals; to provide direct individual or group work in relation to health-related issues; to provide and annually review health assessments and health plans for all young people in residential care; to promote understanding of the health needs of Looked After Children and Young People in Care by providing input into induction training for newly appointed Health Visitors and School Nurses and for Nursing/Health Visiting/School Nursing Students; and to develop practice and support systems focusing on the health needs of Looked After Child and Young People in Care.

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10.3.32	results – Scho	s are children maki ool Year Ended 30 <sup>th</sup> nly) (HSCB will sou	June 2018 (this	will be collected		<del>LAC</del> 31.03.19
	Key Stage 1 (Year 4)	Number of LAC Eligible	Key Stage 1	Maths	English	

	Key Stage 2 (Year 7)  Number of LAC Eligible for end of Key Stage 2 Assessment	Number of LAC that achieved:  Key Stage 2	No. that achieved Level 2 or above  Maths No. that achieved Level 4 or above	No. that achieved Level 2 or above  English No. that achieved Level 4 or above	
	Key Stage 3 (Year 10)  Number of LAC Eligible for end of Key Stage 3 Assessme nt	No ach Key Stage Lev	aths Engl . that No. t ieved achie el 5 or Level pove abo	hat No. that eved achieved 5 or Level 5 or	
	Number of LAC who left school In June 16+ 2018  No. of LAC	Highest Level of Quali		GCSE A'Levels	
10.3.33	Looked After Children, School (HSCB will source this directly	Number of Loo After Children v Attendance <8 during School Y Ended 30 June 2	Numbe Vith 5% ear 2018	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018  r of Looked After Suspended during ear ending 30 June 2018	LAC 31.03.19
	Secondary School  Primary School	M	= M	F	

(a) Number of children notified to the police as having gone missing from residential or foster care for 24 hours or more?

(This data will be sourced directly from the Untoward Event Report)

Board Return

(b) How many Looked After Children have been reported to the Police for reasons other than having gone missing for 24 hours or more during the period? (This table should be completed for each Residential Facility, it is not required for Foster Carers)

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#### **Bocombra**

Reason	Prim	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events							
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	4	56	1	1	5	57	
Breach of Bail	0	0	2	7	0	0	2	7	
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	2	2	1	5	3	7	
Other	0	0	3	14	0	0	3	14	
Total	0	0	12	80	2	6	14	86	

Total no of					
individual	0	4	1 4	_	
<i>children</i> this	U	4	!	5	
relates to:					

#### Cedargrove

Cedargrove											
Reason	Prim	Primary		Secondary		16+		tal			
	No. of Children	No. of Events									
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3			
Breach of Bail	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	4			
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	2	2	4	5	6	7			

Total no of individual children this	0	1	2	3	
relates to:				•	

Reason	Prim	Primary		Secondary		ò+	Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events						
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	3	6	0	0	3	6
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	2	6	0	0	2	6
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	7	15	0	0	7	15

Total no of individual ochildren this relates to:	3	0	3	
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# Edenvilla

Reason	Primary		Seco	Secondary		S+	Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events						
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	2	42	2	18	4	60
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Child At Risk	0	0	2	2	1	3	3	5
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	3
Other	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
Total	0	0	9	50	5	24	14	74

Total no of individual children this	0	2	2	4	
relates to:					

# Woodside

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No. of Children	No. of Events						
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	3	7	3	7
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Child At Risk	0	0	1	0	1	5	2	5
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	0	0	1	0	7	14	8	14
Total no of individual children this	0		1		4		4	

#### (c) What is being done to address the problem of children going missing

#### (Narrative)

relates to:

The Trust continues to manage all episodes of young people going missing as per the regionally agreed policy and this is maintained on staff and managers agenda via awareness raising, discussions at team meetings, formal reviews in respect of specific children and inter professional meetings.

Young people who are involved in regular episodes of missing are risk assessed and information escalated as required. Dependent on the risk status, some individual cases are discussed at the quarterly Trust/PSNI Strategic Interface meeting (Children who go missing Protocol) for the purposes of appropriate information sharing and joint management. This meeting is chaired by the Assistant Director for Corporate Parenting and attended by senior staff from PSNI, Social Services and the Youth Justice Agency

There are operational links into this forum with the Trust CSE lead and effective communication is maintained with PSNI.

Reporting mechanisms are also implemented re advising HSCB, parents and other relevant stakeholders.

Emphasises is afforded to engaging with relevant young people in terms of protection work to advise them of associated risks of going missing from home or care and to attempt to engage them in diversionary activities. Senior management in Residential care, Youth Justice Agency and PSNI are working to further refine PSNI involvement in residential facilities with a view to developing preventative work to avoid children going missing from Residential Care. In addition via the "Transformational Investments" the Trust has establish a multi-disciplinary team operating during evenings and at weekends to support residential units and to create additional diversionary activities for children and young people in Residential Care with a partial objective of reducing "missing" episodes. This service has been operational since February 2019.

Training continues to be made available to relevant staff and foster carers in respect of CSE and related issues.

There are variations in relation to the frequency of Missing Episodes across various facilities and this can be linked to specific young people who were particularly unsettled at a period in time.

The Trust continues to invest in the family Placement Service with the objective of recruiting additional specialist foster carers to be a better able to meet the needs of more complex young people and afford stable placements and thus reduce episodes of young people going missing. Overall, the Trust enjoys effective working relationships with PSNI colleagues in managing missing episodes and striving to safeguard vulnerable children and young people in our care. 10.3.35 Number of children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more by category 1 young person accommodated in an education placement in Southlands School, Hampshire – a residential school for children/young people with autism. 10.3.36 (a) Number of sibling groups accommodated: Together Not accommodated together Reasons for separation: (Narrative) Please give explicit detail where sibling groups are placed separately in Kinship / arrangements) • Together – 112 sibling groups, relating to 250 children • Not accommodated together – 105 sibling groups, relating to 327 children The Trust strives to place siblings together but this is not always achievable or appropriate for the following reasons: 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. (b) How many sibling groups became Looked After during the period? If placed apart provide an explanation for each occurrence. Of the children identified above, there are 4 sibling groups where siblings are separated across kinship placements. This involves a total of 10 children. Reasons for separation are: Size of sibling groups (2-4 children) Availability of kinship options, especially when siblings have different fathers.

Previous kinship arrangements have broken down due to behavioural issues

or carer health/not able to sustain long term care arrangements.

- Impact of parental influence on kinship placement.
- Kinship carers have not been approved.
- Children's individual needs cannot be met within one placement.
- Children's attachments with relatives.

#### Family 1

Sibling group of 4 children – became LAC due to lengthy history of extensive neglect. Initially eldest 2 children placed together and third and fourth children placed in 2 separate Short Term Placements as no placement available to take all 4 children. The older child has since moved to a separate Short Term Placement due to breakdown of relationship with the sibling. This means that all 4 children are in separate placements. Difficulties in managing behaviour of 2 of these children and needs of all 4 best met in separate placements at present.

#### Family 2

Sibling group of 2 children. Family history of undisclosed domestic violence and physical abuse of youngest child. Eldest child is subject of ICO placed with relatives on direction of Court. Youngest child also subject of ICO placed with Short Term Foster Carers pending assessment of relative placement. Time limited assessment of mother with a view to rehabilitating both children to her sole care.

#### Family 3

Family group of 2 children. Older child Voluntary Accommodated. Family history of domestic violence, misuse of alcohol and drugs, and Mother's mental health difficulties. Father unable to care for children. Older child was in Short Term foster Placement when second child born – Carers for older child could not care for baby who was admitted on ICO at birth. Both children remain in separate Short Term Placement with regular contact pending parenting assessment.

#### Family 4

Sibling group of 2 children with extensive family history of neglect. Became LAC on emergency basis (initially Voluntary Accommodated, then subject of EPO and ICO) and were placed together with Emergency Foster Carers however due to significant health needs no placements available which could meet the health needs of both children together. Children placed in separate Short Term Foster placements with regular contact.

	placements with regular contact.	
10.3.37	Number of young people admitted to Secure Accommodation and the reasons for admission during the period (data now sourced directly from Lakewood)	LAC 31.03.19
10.3.38	Please provide report into the operation of the Trusts Restriction of Liberty Panel (to be completed for March only return) See Appendix 2.	LAC 31.03.19
10.3.39	(a) During the period how many children or young people became	LAC

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a Looked After Child by age, gender and first placement

Place	ement of new	<	1	1	-4	5-	11	12-	-15	16	6+	Tot	tal	Т
	ssions to LAC	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	ot al
Reside ntial	Statutory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l i i i i	Voluntary	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
	Secure	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
Fosteri ng	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	1	3	1	6	3	4	6	4	0	1	11	18	29
	Kinship care	3	0	3	3	6	14	6	4	1	2	19	23	42
	Independent Providers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fostering Total	4	3	4	9	9	18	12	8	1	3	30	41	71
Placed a Parents	t Home with	1	0	2	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	9	2	11
Placed for	or Adoption	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
Overall 1	TOTAL	5	3	6	9	12	19	15	9	1	3	39	43	82

(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	<	1	1.	-4	5-	11	12-	-15	16	+	Tot	al	Т
Adoption Order	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	ot al
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	<	1	1.	-4	5-	11	12	-15	16	ò+	Tot	tal	Т
the Child Protection Register	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	ot al
No of Children	5	3	4	7	7	17	13	8	1	1	30	36	66

(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	<	1	1.	-4	5-	11	12-	-15	16	ò+	Tot	tal	Т
and forwarded to school	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	ot al
No of Children	0	1	0	3	7	12	13	7	1	1	21	24	45

(e) Can you assure the Commissioner that all the above admissions to care are properly recorded and do not include what should rightly be reported as a placement move (eg a fostering breakdown where the RESWS moves the child to a children's home)

All admissions to care, discharges from care and placement moves are monitored via monthly information validation meetings in each locality. They are also recorded on the monthly Roles and Responsibilities return by each team. When collated these returns are quality assured by the Head of Service for Looked After Children and forwarded to the Assistant Director for Corporate Parenting.

10.3.40 (a) During the period how many children or young people became a Looked After Child by age, gender and legal status on admission;

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	<	1	1.	-4	5-	11	12	-15	1	6+	То	tal	T
Legal status	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	o t a I
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	2	0	3	6	5	11	5	5	0	0	15	22	37
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	3
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	0	1	0	1	4	6	7	3	0	0	11	11	22
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
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	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	3	1	2	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	11	3	14
Emergency	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Protection Order Art. 63													
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	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
TOTAL	5	3	6	9	12	19	15	9	1	3	39	43	82

(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	ò+	То	tal	T o t a
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	I
Planned	4	3	4	3	8	10	11	4	0	2	27	22	49
Unplanned	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	4	1	1	5	7	1 2
Emergency	1	0	1	6	3	7	2	1	0	0	7	14	21
Total	5	3	6	9	12	19	15	9	1	3	39	43	82

- (ii) Of those that were unplanned or emergency how many were admitted to kinship foster care? 24
- (iii) Of those unplanned or emergency admissions how many were admitted by RESWS? <u>0</u>

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	<	1	1	-4	5-	11	12-	15	16	<b>i</b> +	To	tal	T
Looked After prior to discharge	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	o t a l
Under 2 weeks	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	6	2	8
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
6 weeks < 3 Months	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	5	7
3 Months < 6 months	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	5	1	0	4	9	13
6 Months < 1 Year	1	0	1	0	6	1	0	3	0	1	8	5	13

1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	2	5	1	1	0	0	1	4	4	10	14
2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	1	7
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	5	7	12
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	5	5	6	11
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	4
Total	2	0	9	9	14	14	6	11	12	14	43	48	91

(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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	<	1	1-	-4	5-	11	12		16	<b>i</b> +	То	tal	
Destination	М	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	Total
Returned to Parents/Siblings	2	0	6	6	14	13	6	10	6	8	34	37	71
Returned to family/Relatives/friends	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Adopted	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)									2	4	2	4	6
Former Foster Carers (GEM)									3	2	3	2	5
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects									0	0	0	0	0
Bed + Breakfast									0	0	0	0	0
Other Accommodation (Hostel, Foyer)									0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings									1	0	1	0	1
Other (Prison, Hospital)									0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	2	0	9	9	14	14	6	11	12	14	43	48	91

(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

	1	16		17		Total		
Category	M	F	M	F	M	F	Total	
Number entitled to access Leaving Care Services	2	1	10	11	12	12	24	
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	
Total	2	1	10	13	12	14	26	

10.3.43	This is in	tentior	nally b	lank.										
10.3.44	(a) Pleas Residence For (a) al Stranger placemen	ce Örd bove p (Foste	er dur olease	ing the	perione ne nur	od. <u>4</u> mber o	f child	ren tha	at wer	e form	erly pl	aced v	vith	LAC 31.03.19
	No. of Placement Children													
	Stranger (Foster Carers) 0													
	Kinship (Foster Carers) 4													
	Residential Care 0													
	Other placement 0													
	Total					4								
10.3.45	(b) How many Residence Orders are in place at period end? 81  Number of Children or Young People who died during the current reporting period											LAC 31.03.19		
		<	·1	1 -	4	5 -	11	12	- 15	16	- 17	To	tal	
	Cause	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
	Natural Causes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
	Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Suicide	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	
	Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	

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.

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Category	16	17	18	19	20	+	е	16	17	18	19	20	+	е	
Eligible	22	19					41	18	26					44	85
Relevant	0	1					1	0	0					0	1
Former Relevant			19	18	18	4	59			16	25	34	11	86	145
Qualifying	0	0	5	0	3	0	8	0	1	3	2	3	0	9	17
Total	22	20	24	18	21	4	109	18	27	19	27	37	00	139	248

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

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Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	3	7	10
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	36	38	74
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	1	0	1
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	40	45	85

Age reference table will automatically update as spreadsheets completed.

Category	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total
Eligible	40	45	0	0	0	0	85
Relevant	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Relevant	0	0	35	43	52	15	145
Qualifying	0	1	8	2	6	0	17
Total	40	47	43	45	58	15	248

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Of the you	ıng people	reported	at 10.4.1					
	(a) What are the social worker and personal adviser arrangements in place for each category of young people?							
		Numb	er of Young P	eople with				
Category	Named Social Worker only	Named Personal Adviser only	Named Social Worker and Personal Adviser		Awaiting allocation of a social worker	Awaiting allocation of a personal adviser		
Eligible	0	0	85		0	0		
Relevant	0	0	1		0	0		
Former Relevant	4	0	141		0	0		
Qualifying	1	0	16		0	0		
have a		Specific Pe	or named per ersonal Advi Of the youn with a named Advis – how man person Specif Advis	g people d Personal er y have a ic Personal	ser, how ma	ny		
Eligible			2					
Relevant			0					
Former Rel	evant		6					
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Qualifying		-						

10.4.7	No. without an Up to Date Pathway Plan  Eligible 0 Relevant 0 Former Relevant 1 Qualifying 0 Total 1  Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many do not have a completed needs assessment and how long have they been waiting at period end?							
					aiting at per		Leaving Care 31.03.19	
10.4.8	Narrative on failure to comply as detailed in 10.4.6, 10.4.7 at period end.  14+ Armagh & Dungannon – No updated Pathway Plan S.S. (Initials of Young Person) a young man who returned to Portugal, Reviews are undertaken but Pathway Plans cannot be updated.  14+ Armagh & Dungannon – Former Relevant young people who have a named only social worker – the social worker is effectively fulfilling the Personal Advisor Role in these cases.							
10.4.9		people report Please com		what are the	eir living arra	angements	Leaving Care 31.03.19	

Placement Type	16	17	Total
Foster Placement (Stranger)	18	9	27
Foster Placement (Kinship)	10	14	24
At Home In Care	6	9	15
Residential Children's Home	5	7	12
Secure Care	0	0	0
Specialist Residential Placement (NI/UK)	1	0	1
Hospital	0	1	1
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation			
Projects	0	1	1
Unregulated Placement	0	4	4
Other	0	0	0
Total	40	45	85

# (b) Relevant;

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

# (c) Former Relevant; and

Living Arrangements	18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	16	11	11	2	40
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	5	13	17	12	47
At Home with Parents/Siblings	5	11	12	0	28
Jointly Commissioned Supported					
Accommodation Projects	4	3	0	0	7
Relatives/friends	2	2	3	0	7
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	0	1	0	1
Supported Board and Lodgings	3	1	2	0	6
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	1	3	1	5
Prison	0	1	1	0	2
Other	0	0	2	0	2

Total	35	43	52	15	145	ĺ

#### (d) Qualifying young people

Living Arrangements	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	1	6	2	6	0	15
Jointly Commissioned Supported							
Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relatives/friends	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Supported Board and Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halls of residence/Student							
Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	8	2	6	0	17

# 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?' 10.4.10

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Leaving

(a) Eligible;

				No. Receiving Financial
ETE Status	16	17	Total	support
Secondary Level Education	30	22	52	47
Further Education	5	6	11	13
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	1	8	9	4
Pre-Vocational	2	3	5	3
Employment	0	2	2	1
ETE Inactive	0	2	2	2
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	2	2	4	4
Other(Sick/Disabled, Parent, Carer)	0	0	0	0
Total	40	45	85	74

#### (b) Relevant;

				No. Receiving Financial
ETE Status	16	17	Total	support
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	1	1	0
ETE Inactive	0	0	0	0
Training ( Non Govt. sponsored				
training)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	0

# (c) Former Relevant; and

						No. Receiving Financial
ETE Status	18	19	20	21+	Total	support
Secondary Level Education	6	1	0	0	7	7
Further Education	7	10	4	5	26	27
Higher Education	0	4	6	7	17	17
Training (Govt. sponsored						
training)	4	2	4	0	10	16
Pre-Vocational	2	4	4	1	11	11
Employment	8	12	20	1	41	18
ETE Inactive	4	6	10	1	21	7
Training ( Non Govt.						
sponsored training)	4	4	2	0	10	10
Other	0	0	2	0	2	1
Total	35	43	52	15	145	114

# (d) Qualifying young people.

ETE Status	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level								
Education	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2
Further Education	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Higher Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training (Govt.								
sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Employment	0	0	4	1	2	0	7	3
ETE Inactive	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	3
Training ( Non Govt.								
sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Total	0	1	8	2	6	0	17	10	
10.4.11	Of the young peo this reporting peri		ed at	10.4.1	how m	nany	were co	nvicte	d during	Leavino Care 31.03.1
	Category Eligible Relevant Qualifying Former Relevant Total	Conviction within late 12 months 12 months Not Required	ast ths	Leaver cautior the	er of Ca s forma ned duri period 7 0 2 11 20	lly	Number Care Lea formal remand during to period 3 0 1 3 7	vers lly led the	Number of Care Leavers formally convicted during the period 6 0 1 6 13	1
10.4.12	Of the young peo disability – physic	al, senso	ry, le	arning,	chroni	c illne	ess, Auti			Care
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10.4.12	disability – physic definition) and oth  Type of Disability Physical (Ex. Sensory)	al, senso	ry, lea	arning, ender a	chroniat peric	c illne	ess, Auti d?'		ee	Care
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	period end?'							Care 31.03.19
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	Lone Parent				9			
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	for mental health referrals to menta					any were	new	Care 31.03.19
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	Mental Health Con	cerns	intervention	is/services				
	Mental Health Cond	erns	39	)		8		
	Self Harm		13	3		4		
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# 10.5 FOSTERING

10.5.1	(a) How many to end? How placement? adopters du Adopters/Do Foster/Adop	many o Of the Ially appually Ually Ap	of the carers carers ab proved as to pproved ca	s above a ove how i foster car	llso provide many are F ers? Of the	e a GEM Prospective e Prospectiv	⁄e	FOSTER 31.03.19
	Type of approval	No. of Carers	Non- Kinship (Respite only)	Non Kinship Short- term Only	Non- Kinship (Medium- Long term only)	Non- Kinship (Multi- approved)	T o t a I	
	Kinship Foster Carers (Stage 1 Approved)	63					63	
	Kinship Foster Carers (Stage 2 Approved)	93					93	
	Panel Approved Foster Carer (Stranger)		8	177	28	53	266	
	Professional Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers)		0	16	0	0	16	
	Total	156	8	193	28	53	438	
	How many of the Carers above also provide a GEM Placement	16					16	
	Of the carers above how many are Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers	79					79	
	Of the Prospective Adopters/ Dually Approved	26					26	

carers above			
how many			
are			
Concurrent			
Foster/			
Adoptive			
Carers			

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

Other Foster carers	No. of Carers
Independent Provider Foster Carers	12
Carers providing care only to children with a disability and who are not available to provide care for Looked After	
Children	14
No. of kinship foster care households who are in the process of being assessed as kinship carers for a child/ren placed in their care who have not been presented for approval at the Trusts' Fostering Panel.	23
Total	49

(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	1	2	3
No longer wishing to foster	9	9	18	19
Retired/phased out	1	0	1	2
Deregistered following concerns re: care of child/ren	0	0	0	0
De-registered by Trust following complaints/allegations	0	0	0	0
Opted to be GEM Carer Only	0	0	0	0
Total	11	10	21	24

(d) Please advise of the recruitment process activity during the period;

<b>Recruitment Process Activity during the</b>	period*	No of Carers
Number receiving information packs	Kinship	36
Number receiving information packs	Non-Kinship	54
Number of Initial Home Visits	Kinship	36
Number of initial nome visits	Non-Kinship	43
Numbers of Households attending Skills to	Kinship	0
Foster course	Non-Kinship	20
Number of Completed Assessments	Kinship	29
during the period	Non-Kinship	28
Number of these assessments that were	Kinship	0
already approved as Adopters	Non-Kinship	6

# (e) Please give the number of regional enquirers received by the Trust

Enquiries forwarded from RAFS	No of Carers
Total No. of Regional Enquirers referred from the	
Regional Team (RAFS)	12
Number of RAFS enquirers Approved as foster carers	
within the reporting period*?	2
No. of enquiries progressed to assessment but have	
not yet to Panel within the reporting period*?	
	1

10.5.2 For the foster carers return at 10.5.1 how many **places** are they registered for and the number of vacant places at period end. Please also provide the number of fostering households that have no child placed with them at period end.

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Type of approval	Total places	Vacant at period end	Fostering Households with no child placed at the period end
Kinship Foster Carers (Stage 1 Assessment)	90	2	2
Kinship Foster Carers (Stage 2 Assessment)	127	2	2
Panel Approved Foster Carers (Stranger)	307	26	16
Professional Foster Carers (Fee Paid)	22	0	0
Total	546	30	20

Prospective Adopters		
dually approved as foster		
carers	109	12
Total	109	12

#### Notes:

If Number of places is less than number of carers please provide comment

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Delow												
Not Applicable.												
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		ss NI and Medical	s and 4 waiting									
to be de-registered	d.			FOSTER								
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•			n during the									
reporting period. (i	novea from 10.5.	11)										
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		completed by	completed by									
		Child's Social	Supervising									
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Note: Joint Visit - Child	l's social worker and sur	pervising social worker										
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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 What steps has the Trust taken to encourage notifications? (Narrative) The Trust, in conjunction with HSCB, has reviewed 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. 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. 10.5.7 How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 31st March? 0 10.5.8 How many Private Fostering notifications under Article 106 has the Trust received during the period? 0 10.5.9 Please provide DOB and Date notification was received in respect of each N/A child/young person reported at 10.5.8. 10.5.10 Of the notifications received (10.5.8) how many has the Trust accepted? 0 10.5.11 Of those notifications not accepted please summarise reasons and action taken by the Trust. 0 10.5.12 Number of appeals made during the year under Article 113 0 10.5.13 Are supervisory visits undertaken in accordance with Regulation 3(1)(a) and (b) as a minimum to children privately fostered? Please provide details of any circumstances where the Regulation has not been adhered to. Not Applicable. Notifications under Regulation 4 of the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations (NI) 1996

How many notifications has the Trust received in respect of children

being adopted from abroad i.e. Intercountry Adoption within

10.5.14

the period.

0

Please specify the child's DOB and the date the Trust received each notification
Not applicable.

# 10.6 Adoption (NI) Order 1987 Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act (NI) 2001

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

10.6.1 (a) Number of enquiries, by type, received by the Trust and what prompted their initial approach?

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Six Month Period

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Source of Enquiries	Domestic	Inter-Country					
Central Regional Team (e.g. Website)	7	0					
Newspaper advertisement	0	0					
Radio advertisement	0	0					
Word of mouth	12	0					
Trust Website	8	0					
Specific local campaign	11	0					
Total	38	0					

(b) Please provide the waiting time from initial inquiry to commencement of training

Time waiting	Domestic	Inter-Country
Less than 1 month	5	0
More than 1 month less than 3		
months	0	0
More than 3 months less than 6		
months	6	0
More than 6 month less than 12		
months	1	0
1 year or more	1	0
Total	13	0

10.6.2 Number of domestic applications for assessment received by the Trust by civil status of applicant

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Household type	No.
Single carer	0
Cohabitating heterosexual couple (where this is a joint application)	0
Cohabitating same sex couple (where this is a joint application)	0
Married	10
Total	10

10.6.3	Number of Prospective Domestic Adopters awaiting assessment at period end, length of time waiting, and reason waiting													
	Reason waiting No. Social Unlikely													
	Time waiting	No. Social Worker Available to commence assessment	Unlikely that child waiting at this time	Applicant not ready to proceed	Other (please specify below)	Total								
	Less than 1	0	0	0	0									
	month More than 1 month less than 3	0	0	0	0	0								
	months	0	0	0	0	0								
	More than 3 months less than 6													
	months More than 6 month less than 12	0	0	0	0	0								
	months 1 year or	0	0	0	0	0								
	more	0	0	0	0	0								
	Total	0	0	0	0	0								
	Other, please  Not Applicable	•												
10.6.4	Number of int by civil status (to be comple	of applicant eted by NHSC	CT on behalf	of the region	t received by t	he Trust	Adoption 31.03.19							
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	type Single	Bride I III	1001 OE1		W11001	Total								
	carer													
	Cohabiting hetrosexual couple													
	(where this													

10.6.5	is a joint application)  Cohabiting Same sex couple (where this is a joint application)  Married Total  Number of Prospective Inter-coperiod end (to be completed by NHSCT on			ng ass	essment	at	Adoption 31.03.19
	SHSCT						
	Time waiting	RICAAS unable to allocate assessment	Applic not re	ady	Other	Total	
	Less than 1 month		•				
	More than 1 month less than 3 months						
	More than 3 months less than 6						
	months						
	More than 6 month less than 12 months						
	1 year or more						
	Total						
40.00							
10.6.6	Of all adoption assessments (be during the period please give de						Adoption 31.03.19
				Six	Month Pe	riod	
	Outcome of assessment		_	of Dom			
	Counselled out in Assessment	7.0	9	31163			
	Went to Panel and Refused				0		
	Households approved as Adop	tive carers			0		
	Households approved as Dual Carers		rent		17		
	Households where previous For been approved as Adoptive ca				4		

	Total														
	No. of Inter-Country Assessments  BHSCT NHSCT SEHSCT SHSCT WHSCT Total  To be completed by RICAAS (NHSCT on behalf of the region)  Number of looked after children freed for adoption and not yet placed with their prospective adopters as at 31st March; and duration of wait since														
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	freeing orde	r as granted.					,								
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	No. of J  BHSCT NHSCT  To be completed by RIC  Number of looked after of their prospective adopted freeing order as granted  Length of time awaiting placement from the granting of the Freeing Order  Less than 1 month  More than 1 month less than 3 months  More than 3 months less than 6 months  More than 6 month less than 12 months  1 year or more			:1	1-	-4	5.			-15	16 yea		То	tal	
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Adoption Orders Article 12 (1)	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Previously Looked After	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Step Parent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4

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

Not Applicable.

Inter-country Adoptions in a	<	1	1.	-2	3-	-4	5-	-9	10-	-15	16 yea		То	tal
(Hague Designated Country)	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
Of the number above how many were adopted in a Hague designated country and therefore not through the courts in NI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: Provide number of those Inter-country adoptions which were adopted in a Hague/designated country (and therefore did not go through the courts in N Ireland) and have had their article 23 reports completed in the time period.

The number of Orders made during the six month period (1.10.18 – 31.3.19)

Freeing Orders Art 17 and Art	<	<1 1-2		-2	1-4		5-9		10-15		16+ years		Total	
18	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
Freeing Order - Art 17 with agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Freeing Orders - Art 18 (1) without agreement	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	6
Court Applications for Freeing Orders not granted during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

(b) Of those children who were adopted this period please give the length of time from becoming looked after (last episode) to going to live with the family who went on to adopt them.

Length of Time	0-<6 Months	6months - <1 year		2-<3 years	3-<5 years	5+ years	Total
No. of							
Children	1	1	2	1	0	0	5

(c) Number of children on the Adoption Register and number on Register of Approved Adopters at period end;

Number of Children on the Adoption Register	2
Number on Register of Approved Adopters	9

Please provide the number of children who, at period end, had received a best interest decision for adoption and had not been placed with approved adopters (either adopters, dual approved carers including concurrent carers) and the duration of that wait.

**Adoption** 31.03.19

Children who have received a best interest decision and have not been placed with		<1		1-4		5-9		-15	16+ years		Total	
approved adopter.	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
Less than 1 month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

10.6.10	10 How many children are in receipt of an Adoption Allowance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March												31 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	ch	Adoption 31.03.19
		<	:1	1	-2	3	-4	5-	-9	10-	15		6+ ars	То	tal	
	Adoption Allowances	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	M	F	М	F	
	No. of Adoption Allowances paid in respect of children at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019?	0	0	0	0	1	4	12	19	22	20	12	14	46	58	
10.6.11	and how many households is this? <u>72</u> 11 Of the number at 10 6 10 how many commenced during the period												Adoption			
	Of the number at 10.6.10 how many commenced during the period  <1 1-2 3-4 5-9 10-15 16+ years Total											31.03.19				
		М	F	M	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	
	No. of Adoption allowances reported above, that commenced during the period?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	and how many house	ehol	ds/f	amil	ies	is th	is?	<u>1</u>								
10.6.12	Details of recruitmen	t, as	ses	sme	ent,	trair	ning,	sup	por	t for	pro	spe	ctiv	e ad	opte	rs
	Adoption enquiries are processed through the fostering and adoption recruitment team based in Portadown. Following home visits and one to one contact applicants are offered attendance at an Adoption Awareness Course. At the end of this course applicants apply to be assessed as adopters. Formal applications are not accepted until all stage 1 checks are undertaken and found to be satisfactory (medicals, Access NI and references).												olicants are this course of accepted			
	Applicants who are accepted for assessment are assessed by experienced social workstaff. The assessment and recommendations are presented to the Trust Adoption Panel for approval. If approved a supervising/support worker is appointed to monitor and support the carers in their Adoption process.										st Adoption I to monitor					
	Post approval training	,														
10.6.13	Details of Post Adopti number of and action														•	

	adoption is the Care Plan) and post Adoption Order	
	Narrative  The Southern Trust has had no adoption breakdowns during this period. A have knowledge of the Trusts Post Adoption Service and aware they of training and ongoing support post adoption order. In recent months the post service has recruited additional staff with a view to implementing a Post pathway model which offers all adopters the opportunity to avail of ongoing and practical support from experienced staff within the Adoption team along Scaffold service.	can access st adoption st Adoption therapeutic
10.6.14	Number of inter-country adoption orders pending at period end.  Not Applicable.	

#### 10.7 EARLY YEARS

10.7.1	and de-regis	trations	•	years provision / me Child Carers	places, re	gistrations	Early Years 31.03.19					
		Current P	rovision	Registrations/ Deregistrations/ Voluntary Ceased								
	Sector	Total Number of Services	Number of Places	Number New Registrations During period	De-regi Number Deregiste red by the Trust during period	No Voluntary Ceased during the period						
	Day Nursery Out of School within Day Nursery	60	3220 1217	1	0	1						
	Stand-Alone Creche Stand-Alone	6	103	0	0	0						
	Playgroup Stand-Alone Out of School	105 38	3167 1141	2	0	0						
	Childminder Approved Home Childcarers	465 21	2725 0	17	0	15						
	Holiday Scheme Two year old	0	0	0	0	0						
	Prog. Total	22 <b>759</b>	372 <b>11945</b>	0 <b>23</b>	0 <b>0</b>	0 <b>20</b>						
10.7.2	Registration issues and commentary as at period end (Narrative)  The number of registered providers has previously been reducing however in this period there has been a small increase of three in total with an additional 231 registered places. There has been an increase in registered childminders and although the increase is small, only two, this is the first increase in a number of years. It remains difficult to quantify the amount of any unregistered childminding but if they do come to the attention of the Trust they are fully investigated and where appropriate registration is progressed. There has still not been a formal review of the minimum standards. However the Department of Health has issued clarity around standard 11which includes the											

minimum number of staff required, the number of children in each room and the meaning of the "person in charge", the "setting" and a "room". Staffing levels within the Trust Early Years Teams have been maintained at the required level and this has assisted that for the most part regulatory requirements are being met. Inspection reports are not yet going on line but this is still the expectation in the near future. The Trust continues to take the lead with and the Head of Service chairs the Regional Early Years Practice Group.

**10.7.3** Total number of annual Inspections required, number carried out, number outstanding and time outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March

Early Years 31.03.19

Sector	Number Requiring Inspection during the period (1.10.18- 31.3.19)	Number of Inspections carried out during the period (1.10.18-31.3.19)	Total Inspections still to be completed this year (1.4.18- 31.3.19)
Day Nursery	59	59	0
Creche	4	4	0
Playgroup	80	55	25
Out of School	25	26	0
Childminder	80	77	3
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	16	16	0
Total	264	237	28

		Time Outstanding >1 year								
No. of Inspections which had been outstanding for >1 year at this Interim period (31.3.19)	0- 3mths	4- 6mths	7- 9mths	10- 12mths	13- 18mths	19- 24mths	2-3 years	3-4 years	5 yrs +	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	28	28 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Comments:										
	The bigges required tire	st number of mescale.	inspecti	ons coi	ntinu	ue to be	carried o	out in	the		
10.7.4	Number of outstanding applications for each of the above categories as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March										
	Length of Time Unallocated from receipt of Application										
		No. of			10	phication					
		Applicatio									
		ns not	0-3	4-		7-	10-	1	2+		
	Sector	Allocated	Months	6mth	S	9mths	12mths	m	iths		
	Day Nursery	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Crèche	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Playgroup	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Out of School	<b>ol</b> 0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Childminder	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Holiday		•			•					
	Scheme Two year old	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Prog.	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Total	0	0	0		0	0		0		
				<u> </u>							
	Comments:										
	All applications are being progressed in a timely manner.										
40.7.5	Number of o	مالمصد مصملات	ationa h	ina oo		2040406	wied ene	ام مما		Fault.	
10.7.5	Number of conduction of a		alions be	eing as	sess	sed at pe	enoa enc	i and		Early Years 31.03.19	
		Le	ngth of Ti	me that	app	olications	have be	en in			
	progress										
		Number									
		in		4-			10-	1:	2+		
	Sector	Progress	0-3mth	6mth	าร	7-9mths	12mths	m	ths		
	Day Nursery	2	1	0		0	0		1		
	Creche	1	0	1		0	0		0		
	Playgroup	0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Out of School	2	1	0		0	1		0		
	Childminder	21	13	4		1	3		0		
	Holiday Scher	me 0	0	0		0	0		0		
	Two year old	2	0	1		1	0		0		

Total 28 15 6 2 4 1  Please use comments section to provide reasons for delays:  Delays with childminders all occasioned by outstanding documentation / health & safety features / unavailability of applicant. Delays with Day care occasioned by outstanding Building control / planning / Health & Safety features.	Prog.						
Delays with childminders all occasioned by outstanding documentation / health & safety features / unavailability of applicant. Delays with Day care occasioned by outstanding Building control / planning / Health & Safety	Total	28	15	6	2	4	1
health & safety features / unavailability of applicant. Delays with Day care occasioned by outstanding Building control / planning / Health & Safety			·				
	health & safety fe occasioned by or	eatures / u	ınavailabil	ity of appl	icant. Del	lays with D	Day care

# 10.8 Complaints & Representation 10.8.1 Does the Trust have an appropriately authorised and experienced children's complaints officer? (Narrative) 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. 10.8.2 Does the Trust have an independent advocacy service for children and their families? (Narrative) 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. 10.8.3 What arrangements are in place to ensure that all complaints – both formal and informal – from children and their families are recorded and dealt with? (Narrative) The Regional 'Complaints in Health and Social Care: Standards and Guidelines for Resolution and Learning' and the Children Order Representations and Complaints Procedures both operate within the Trust. The Directorate continues to encourage service users and their carers to make their views known. The Trust's general "user view" 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.

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 responsibility for doing so if they have not received it.

10.8.4	What whistle-blowing arrangements are in place to ensure that						
10.6.4	concerns raised by staff working in children's services are recorded and dealt with?  (Narrative)						
	The Trust has a Whistle Blowing Policy in place to ensure 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.						
10.8.5	How many Children Order complaints – both formal	Board					
	and informal have been received since the last report?	return					
10.8.6	How many complaints (which do not fall within the	Board					
	Children Order definition) – both formal and informal	return					
	have been received since the last report?						
10.8.7	How have these been dealt with?	Board					
		return					
10.8.8	What was the outcome?	Board					
		return					
10.8.9	What percentage of the complaints i.e. Children Order	Board					
	and non Children Order were resolved within the	return					
	required timescale.						

Note: Data for sections 10.8.5 - 10.8.9 - will be sourced by Board officers from existing returns.

## **SEPARATED CHILDREN**

### THIS INFORMATION IS COLLECTED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS

10.9.1	Number of separated children refer status of children for this period (se presentation)					•		am	ns b	ру		
	10.9.1 Number of Separated children Referred to Gateway Teams By Status of Children for this period (Self Reported Age at Presentation)											
	<15 15 16 17 Total											
	Status of Children M F M F M F M F M F									Separated		
	Separated Asylum Seeking Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Children 31.03.19
	Separated Migrant Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Separated Trafficked Children 0 0 0 0							0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10.9.2	Please provide the source of the re	for	· al .	of o	\ <u></u>	h ol	oild					Separated
10.9.2	·	1611	aı (	OI 6	aci							Children 31.03.19
	Source of Referral					No.	. of	Chi	ldre	en		
	Social Services							0				
	UK Border Agency							0				
	PSNI		\					0				
	Healthcare Teams (Hospital, GPs, Primary Care)  Voluntary/Rights Based Organisations  0											
	Voluntary/Rights Based Organisations 0 Airport/Seaports 0											
	Other, please specify 0											
	Total 0											
10.9.3	Please provide the country of origin for each child referred during the period.											
	Specify			•								
	Specify Country of Origin Chil	drei	1									
	Total	)										

10.9.5 Pathway following completion of UNOCINI: Of those separated children with a UNOCINI completed during this period specify the Pathway/Legal status at period end. Note: Two primary pathways: Looked After and Child Protection    Pathway									
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Child Protection Looked After - EPO Looked After - ICO Looked After - ICO Looked After - CO Accommodated Total  O  10.9.6  Separated children and 'Looked After' Pathways Please provide the total number of 'separated' children who are currently Looked After Children within the Trust Area at period end? (This figure must include all separated children looked after irrespective of their admission date)  (a) Provide legal status for these children  Legal Status of children Accommodated aged < 16 Accommodated 16+ Care Order Interim Care Order Emergency Protection Order Total  (b) Provide placement, for 'other' category please specify placement type  Placement Type Residential Care Foster Care Young Adults Supported Accommodation Project Other, please specify:  O	10.9.5	Of those separated children with a UNOCINI this period specify the Pathway/Legal status							
Looked After - EPO		Pathway							
Looked After - ICO		Child Protection	0						
Looked After - CO		Looked After - EPO	0						
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Residential Care 0 Foster Care 2 Young Adults Supported Accommodation Project 0 Other, please specify: 0			No. of Children						
Foster Care  Young Adults Supported Accommodation Project  Other, please specify:  0									
Young Adults Supported Accommodation Project  Other, please specify:  0									
Other, please specify:									
Total 2									
		Total	2						
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	NRM has been so (d) Number who are immigration process.  (e) Provide the total receiving after ca	claiming asylum and subject of	
10.9.7	missing from care dur (a) Please provide the missing from care (b) Please provide the children missing f	ter 'Separated' children who have gone ing the period: e number of Looked After children who went during this specific period; 0  e total number of Looked After 'Separated' rom care at the period end; 0  ntary on each of the children identified in (b)  Commentary  Not Applicable	Separated Children 31.03.19
	0	Not Applicable	

#### **OVERALL SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED WITHIN CC3/02**

The CC3/02 report continues to evidence the high level of activity in relation to the Trust's responsibilities towards children, particularly as a corporate parent. The CYPS Directorate is committed to the delivery of quality services and ongoing improvement of services provided to children and their families in need of different levels of support.

There are many challenges currently due to staffing, finance, demand, LAC placement choice, capacity and expectations, however, this reports evidences the Trust's arrangements to meet these challenges. Staff and managers continue to work hard to promote the wellbeing and safety of all these children and young people and to ensure that the Trust's obligations as a corporate parent are fulfilled. There are high levels of compliance with statutory functions in all areas despite increasing volumes of work and financial stringency. Systems for matching needs to services, for progressing family child protection and care plans and for reviewing and improving practice are developing effectively across the Trust. Despite these challenges all children on the child protection register and who are looked after have an allocated social worker and plan in place. This is due to the dedication and commitment of our staff.

The Trust has welcomed the implementation of Signs of Safety together with other major transformational initiatives. Despite financial constraints related to year 2 of the aforementioned initiatives the Trust is committed to drive these forward during 2019/20 to improve outcomes for children and their families. An Implementation Plan is in place and a mandatory training programme for Signs of Safety is currently being delivered regionally. To date approximately 336 Southern Trust staff members have undertaken a 2 day training programme and a further 20 members of staff have undertaken a 5 day Practice Leaders training programme

A priority for CYPS during 19/20 is to recruit and maintain a happy, trained and competent workforce for core service areas. Work is ongoing to engage with frontline practitioners and managers to listen to them about support arrangements that will make a difference to all staff to undertake their day to day work and have job satisfaction from working with children and their families.

#### Key areas to note-

The number of children on the child protection register has deceased slightly during the reporting period from 605 at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to 550 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, however the general trend over the past 5 years continues to be upwards and this continues to place pressure on our Family Intervention Service together with their responsibility for LAC and family support cases. Each child has an allocated social worker and child protection plan in place and all child protection referrals during the reporting period have been immediately allocated and children seen and spoken to within 24 hours. Child Protection Initial Assessments have been completed within 10 working days.

The number of Looked After Children known to the Trust has decreased slightly during

the report period, from 577 at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to 560 at period end . Each Looked After Child in the Family Intervention Service has an allocated social worker and care plan in place. However challenges continue in relation to unallocated Family Support Cases across a number of the Family Intervention teams. This is primarily due to vacancies due to sick leave and delays in the recruitment process to replace permanent vacancies and maternity leave cover.

There are very significant challenges in relation to sourcing and providing suitable placements for children with disabilities who have very complex needs and require full time Care placements.

#### Innovation

Innovative social work practice is a priority and as part of the Social Work Strategy we have successfully undertaken a number of projects. **Co-production** has been identified as a key priority within the Social Work Strategy and the Directorate has evidenced numerous excellent examples of co-production across teams eg, 14 + Service User Group," Our Lives, Our Voice "10-15 years service user group and the Yoga programme within Autism services.

The Home on Time Project, which has been in operation since May/June 2015, is coming to an end. The Trust has implemented the concurrent care model across LAC services and view this as a positive way forward for very young looked after children.

Transformational funding provided in 2018/19 has allowed a new team to be established to support the work of the residential service within the Southern Trust. This team, the Peripatetic Residential Support Team, will support the work of the residential service and aim to assist with stabilising placements, reduce admissions to Secure Care and the Juvenile Justice Centre, and promote the establishment of community relationships within a young person's own community.

Transformational funding 2018/19 has also been provided for the establishment of a Professional Lead to interface with CAMHS, LACC Therapeutic and Adult Mental Health Services. This project post is located within Corporate Parenting. The remit of the post is to support, track and examine the pathways of Looked After Children and Young People who, based on assessed needs, require access to specialist services, primarily LACC Therapeutic, CAMHS, and Adult Mental Health Services.

The 14 Plus Team continues to provide a variety of supports and services based on the assessed needs of the young people. The team consults with the young people and incorporates their views and experiences, coproducing their care plans and new developments in the 14 Plus Service. A well- established Forum for the young people provides an opportunity for the development of new ideas.

Young people in the 14 plus SUG have identified the need for a comprehensive range of

information on leaving care issues which are relevant and helpful to young people leaving care and coming into the 14 Plus Service. They are currently involved in the Co-design and production of a leaflet for all 14 plus care experienced young people outlining all the details of the 14 plus service.

Two representatives of the SUG sit on the Local Engagement Partnership (LEP) and are involved in discussions and partnership working on issues relating to co-production.

The LAC teams continue to work in a collaborative manner with colleagues in FIT and 14 Plus Teams to ensure the smooth transition of case responsibility for Looked After Children between teams. The revised Child's Pathway Protocol is a positive basis for maintaining good practice across teams and ensures care plans do not drift.

A Review of Respite Provision in Foster Care was conducted in 2018/19. This involved the setting up of a Working Group and included a co-production approach in respect of participation from young people and foster carers to gain their views on what works best in fostering respite. Key principles have been developed based on the Respite Review work and these key principles continue to be rolled out across CYPS teams and continue to be reviewed to ensure the Trust has a service that is responsive in relation to respite provision.

The Trust remains committed to the Family Support Hubs by making available both staff support and additional financial investment. During the year additional non-recurrent funding, via the transformational stream was invested in the Family Support Hubs intended specifically to enhance the capacity of Family Support Hubs to deal with growing demand, and to increase their capacity to respond to self-referrals by families, to encourage the Hub network to develop outreach capacity, to assess the level of unmet need for early intervention family support services and to inform the Trust Area Outcomes Group.

The Trust has established a FIT Improvement Oversight group chaired by Paul Morgan, Director CYPS. Membership includes Social Work practitioners, Staff Side and Human Resources, Task and Finish Groups have been established to take forward actions relating to recruitment, staff support, violence and aggression towards staff, communication and administrative support.

Family Support Workers, and some Contact Workers with an interest and skills in provision of family support, have been able to engage with a greater number of families. This has enabled staff to diversify within their role and to develop their skills further, to enhance outcomes for children and families.

### **Children with Disability Service**

Various meetings have been held within the past year with parents from both Oaklands and Carrickore, and a communication strategy developed with each unit. A new residential service in Carrickore has been developed (currently on a non commissioned basis) for children who need medium-long term care placements. Two young people are placed full-time and 1 on a shared care basis. A wider Parents' Forum has been established to facilitate and enhance parents' involvement in a more co-productive approach regarding the development and delivery of services. A new Parents' Forum has been established and is operating within a co-production framework – working on issues they have identified as important – primarily re access to information about support and services that are available.

A new innovative, highly specialist summer scheme for children with complex medical /healthcare needs was developed and delivered through partnership working and shared resources across Children's Disability services, Community Children's Nursing, AHPs and a local private day-care provider, Nana G. It was very positively evaluated by parents and staff but was very resource-intensive, and careful consideration will be given to how to deliver such a scheme again next year

The CAMHS service has a strong co-production ethos, recognising the expertise of our service users and their families and carers in their own health care needs. We want our service to be truly planned, designed and delivered for, with, and by our children and our families, in the spirit of "nothing about you without you".

Autism Services continues to provide a multi-disciplinary, trans-generational service providing assessment, diagnosis, post-diagnostic intervention and longer term support for children, adolescents and young adults. Referrals continue to increase both for ASD assessment and intervention.

Some of the young adults known to the service have registered as Trust volunteers. This has led to the development of the band 'On the Spectrum' which has performed at Trust events and has proved to be a creative and innovative intervention for those children and young people involved.

In conclusion, the Divisions have been struggled to maintain a core social work compliment across the teams, a significant level of maternity and sick leave, particularly at front line social work level continues to present challenges in terms of managing the workload. Recruitment challenges are exacerbated by the difficulty in attracting professional social work staff to Children and Young People's Services. While efforts have been ongoing to seek cover via Agencies this is not always successful due to the lack of availability of social work or lack of interest in the posts offered, particularly for the

Family Intervention Service. It remains a challenge to allocate family support referrals and interventions which has resulted in unallocated cases across the family intervention service and CWD.

A Family Intervention Service Improvement Group has been established to engage with frontline staff and improve support for social workers to undertake complex and challenging work. This work will continue during 19/20.

There are a number of challenges for the forthcoming year and these include reducing the number of family support unallocated cases and providing timely family support interventions to families in need; addressing pressures across the family intervention service relating to demand for family support, child protection and looked after children services and the capacity to provide these within existing resources; to maintain the funded compliment of staff across children's services; provision of increased numbers of local foster placements to provide care for children and young people who have experienced trauma and have a range of complex health and social care needs; funding of services for alleged perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence to change their behaviour and reduce risk to the non- abusing parent and children. There is a need to provide better accommodation choice for young people leaving care which is currently subject to ongoing discussions with Supporting People.

The Directorate will move forward to address these challenges in the coming year.