

FOI – 1732

19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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**How many children classed as Looked After Children (LAC) were sent outside of Northern Ireland to receive respite and/or residential care from January 2018 until June 2023?**

*Response:*

2018 - 0

2019 - 0

2020 - <5

2021 - 0

2022 - <5

2023 - <5

*The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual (s). In reaching this decision, the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area, which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition, the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website. Therefore the Trust has applied Section 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to exempt the exact figure from disclosure.*