

**SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH &
SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

Corporate Parenting and Interim

DSF Reporting

1st April – 30th September 2021

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Introduction

1.0 Introduction

This is an interval report on the discharge of delegated statutory functions and Corporate Parenting (CC302), within the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (the Trust); covering the period covering the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021.

This interval report provides assurance and analysis of the Trust's provision of delegated statutory functions across social care services. The Trust is reporting that it is satisfied that delegated statutory function requirements have achieved reasonable compliance across all service areas.



**Executive Summary by Director
of Social Work**

2.0 Executive Summary by Director of Social Work

During this reporting period the Executive Director of Social Work is reporting reasonable compliance with delegated statutory functions. Some of the on-going challenges in relation to the provision of care across social care and social work are as follows;

Workforce

The Trust continues to experience significant gaps in workforce, with vacancies across all programmes of care for band 5/6 social workers. Additionally, there is difficulty with recruitment in band 7 team leader posts, particularly in children's services. This is exacerbated by the impact of covid-19 on staff absence. The Trust is working pro-actively, at a regional level, to address the vacancy situation. Recruitment and retention of social workers remains a top priority and is detailed on the corporate risk register. Locally the Trust has established a workforce hub to support the development of creative solutions to staffing gaps, particularly within social care posts.

Children's services

Children referred for an assessment of need

There were 1892 children in need referrals within this reporting period. This is a decrease of 57 from the last reporting period 30th March 2021 (1949). This may be attributed to a return to pre covid-19 referral pattern although further information is required as we move forward to ascertain this.

Unallocated cases

The number of cases awaiting allocation to social work remains a significant challenge in children's services. At the 30th September 2021 260 families (346 children) were unallocated. This incorporates children and family teams, gateway teams and children's disability services. This is a reduction of 27 from the last reporting period. The children's disability service has the highest percentage of unallocated cases, currently 139 families (152 children). The Trust recognises the need to ensure a timely response to children in need referrals and continues to lead on internal improvement initiatives to ensure the needs of children are met at the earliest point.

Foster care provision for children in care

During this reporting period the number of children in the care of the Trust has decreased by 1 child/ young person. The Trust acknowledges an on-going reliance on the use of independent sector placements over a period of time. There are currently a total of 98 children who are looked after in independent fostering. This has remained static since the last reporting period. This continues to place

considerable fiscal challenges on the Trust. The Trust is actively recruiting foster carers to reduce reliance on the independent sector (see comments in section 10.5.5 of CC302).

Placement provision for children in care

The number of children waiting for an appropriate placement within the Trust has remained stable at 22 (with a reduction of 2 children with disabilities). The Trust continues to experience challenges in resourcing an appropriate range of suitable placements, particularly in a covid-19 environment. This is also impacted by increased complex behavioural needs of young people who require specialist provision.

The Trust acknowledges that 11 sibling groups have not been placed together during this reporting period due to a lack of placement capacity within the fostering system.

The Trust recognises the need to ensure appropriate placement provision for children in need of care. The Trust has developed a temporary senior management post to assist in placement finding for children with complex needs and is working with independent partners to explore increased opportunities for placements.

Kinship assessments/ unregulated placements

The demand for kinship placements has been an influencing factor on the number of unregulated placements within the Trust. The Trust has 25 placements that have not been approved within 12 weeks and who are in the process of being assessed as kinship carers; this is a decrease from 74 at 31st March 2021. The Trust continues to attempt to reduce the level of unregulated placements, whilst acknowledging that significant progress has been made and continues to implement enhanced governance arrangements to ensure rigorous oversight. The Trust has raised the need to review the current regional kinship procedures through the children's services improvement board.

Statutory visits for children who are looked after

The Trust ensured that 3967 statutory visits to children who are looked after took place between 1st April 2021 and 30th September 2021. 11 of these were outside statutory timescales. This is a decrease of 46, from 57 visits being outside timescale in the last reporting period. The Trust continues to monitor and review any statutory visits that are not completed within timescale.

Reviews for children who are looked after

The number of reviews taking place outside statutory timescales has remained static within this reporting period; from 65 reviews reported 30th March 2021 to 64 reviews reported 30th September 2021. This is kept closely monitored and reasons

recorded.

Children and young people with a disability

The demand for provision for children with disabilities remains high and the number of unallocated cases continues to be a significant concern for the service. A band 7 senior social work practitioner and two band 4 support workers have been in post since April 2021 to support reducing the number of unallocated cases. The significant number of outstanding UNOCINI family support assessments remains one of the services greatest challenges. The Trust is leading improvement initiatives to explore the provision of a more timely service. As part of this improvement focus, service users and carers have been engaged in the co-design of a strategic plan for children with disabilities in the Trust.

The Trust is pleased to note there has been a significant increase in carers assessments being completed within this reporting period (74).

Short break provision has remained at a reduced level throughout the reporting period. Prior to covid-19 Lindsay House had the capacity for twenty-eight overnight short breaks per week. Due to covid-19 restrictions it is reduced to seven per week, a 75% reduction. Beechfield Respite Unit has changed to a temporary short-term unit for four young people and therefore cannot provide short breaks. The Trust has developed a temporary short break arrangement using Greenhill YMCA Chalet and has introduced an outreach service which has proven absolutely essential for families who have not been able to access the same frequency of short breaks. An evaluation of these services is currently being undertaken.

The 16+ population continues to increase steadily, with 9 new young people during this reporting period; increasing from 136 to 145. This has implications for future planning with regard to transitions to adult services and the completion of deprivation of liberty under the Mental Capacity Act (2019). The increase in numbers of young people with a disability requiring transitions support demonstrates a year on year trend in this area of service provision.

Early years

Early years services have been working to reduce the numbers of overdue inspections. Overdue inspections, as a result of covid-19, are currently being completed on average rate of 46 per month. To date 282 of 516 overdue inspections have been completed. Inspection completion is being monitored on a monthly basis and the Trust is on target for completion of all overdue inspections (from the period 1.03.20 - 31.03.21) by 31st December 2021. This is in line with the DOH agreed target for completion of these overdue inspections by 31 March 2022.

Adult Services

Adult mental health services

Adult mental health services have seen an increase in demand within this reporting period and continue to experience workforce pressures in the recruitment of social work staff and the number of approved social workers (ASW). There has been a 13% increase in requests for mental health services. The Trust ASW strategy is being progressed and regional consideration is being given to exploring the potential of increased training places for ASW. Mental health services report full compliance with the Mental Capacity Act (2019).

Adult learning disability services

Within this reporting period adult learning disability services have achieved 100% compliance with the Mental Capacity Act (2019), however a significant number of cases await completion of the Form 6 by the medical practitioner. Social work continues to liaise with medical colleagues in relation to the medical role within the MCA process, including collaborating with the GP federation. This work is on-going.

Muckamore Abbey Hospital being closed to admissions continues to present significant challenges in providing appropriate support to people with a learning disability who present with mental health issues. A draft pathway between learning disability services and mental health services has been agreed and planning to operationalize is taking place.

The Trust acknowledges difficulties in the provision of day care/ short breaks services within the covid-19 environment and the resulting reduced capacity for adults with learning disabilities and their families. It is acknowledged that this is further impacted by workforce recruitment and retention, particularly with social care staff.

Primary care and older people

Within this reporting period primary care and older people have continued to discharge their statutory functions within a very challenging environment that has been significantly impacted by covid-19. There are on-going issues with regard to recruitment of social work staff leading to gaps in the workforce, particularly within hospital social work. This is reflected across the region.

Social care services continue to experience increased demand, with increased unmet need evident. The unmet need list is reviewed weekly by locality managers.

Corporate Parenting Report (CC302)

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 30 th September? (exclude children on the caseloads of statutory mental health services)	DSF - Children In Need spreadsheet
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	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Children	55	53	379	321	920	760	520	445	210	210	2084	1789
TOTAL	55	53	379	321	920	760	520	445	210	210	2084	1789

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

Data Return 10

There are 3,873 children in need within the Trust. This is an increase of 21 from last reporting (3,852) with the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) (493) and social worker (254) continuing as the Trust's main referral sources. This is reflected in the last reporting period with PSNI (480) and social worker (302) also being the main referral source.

10.1.2

Ethnic Origin of Children in Need

DSF -
Children In
Need
spreadsheet

Ethnicity	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	228	182	517	444	417	340	54	55	163	144	1379	1165	2544
Chinese	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	3
Irish Traveller	1	1	2	1	4	4	1	0	0	3	8	9	17
Roma Traveller	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	4	6
Indian	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	4	3	7
Pakistani	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bangladeshi	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	2	5
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Black African	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	1	7
Black Other	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mixed Ethnic Group	6	6	11	14	4	2	1	1	1	4	23	27	50
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	3	4	7	3	5	0	0	2	6	9	21	30
Not Stated	118	99	289	242	173	136	28	26	38	52	646	555	1201
TOTAL	355	291	830	712	604	493	85	83	210	210	2084	1789	3873

10.1.3

Religion of Children in Need

DSF -
Children In
Need
spreadsheet

Religion	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Roman Catholic	16	9	77	70	206	168	153	120	53	64	505	431	936
Presbyterian	5	9	27	17	61	58	62	43	21	21	176	148	324
Church of Ireland	2	2	12	7	39	27	34	41	16	8	103	85	188
Church of England	0	0	0	1	6	4	5	2	0	0	11	7	18
Methodist	0	0	1	0	4	5	5	4	2	1	12	10	22
Other Christian	3	3	44	33	85	87	64	48	31	28	227	199	426
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	1	0	2	2	4	6	4	2	3	2	14	12	26
Other	0	0	6	4	8	14	6	4	4	1	24	23	47
Not Known	25	22	170	148	455	340	159	154	68	72	877	736	1613
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	3	8	40	39	51	50	28	27	12	13	134	137	271
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	55	53	379	321	920	760	520	445	210	210	2084	1789	3873

10.1.4	(a) How many children have been referred for an Assessment of Need during the reporting period i.e. 1st April – 30 th September 2021?	DSF - Children In Need spreadsheet
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	<1	1 - 4	5 - 11	12 - 15	16+	Total
Number of Children Referred	134	380	786	425	167	1892

There has been a decrease (57) of children in need referrals to the Trust in this reporting period. This may be indicative of a return to referral patterns pre covid-19.

	(b) What was the source of referral for children referred for assessment of need during the reporting period i.e. 1st April – 30 th September?	DSF - Children In Need spreadsheet
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Referral Source/Agent	No of Children
Police	493
Social Worker	254
Out of Hours Co-Ordinator	0
Relative	130
Teacher	161
Anonymous	53
Hospital Social Worker	48
GP	74
Hospital Nurse	124
Health Visitor	67
Court	17
Probation Officer	37
Vol. Organisation	12
Self	54
Community Psychiatric Nurse	43
N.S.P.C.C	16
NIHE	1
Comm. Mental H/C Nurse	1
Education Welfare Officer	3
Others	304
Total	1892

10.1.6	How many of these Children in Need are Disabled and known to Trust Social Workers (by major category) at 30 th September? <i>Ensure any specific issues are raised in the Service level summary</i>	DSF -Children In Need spreadsheet
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Major Disability	<1		0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	3	4	10	18	13	23	4	8	3	53	33	86
Sensory	0	1	7	4	17	12	9	6	5	2	38	25	63
Learning	0	1	16	4	186	82	107	52	61	17	370	156	526
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/ADHD/ Asperger's	0	0	3	1	87	35	88	40	31	18	209	94	303
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (with Disability)	0	5	30	19	308	142	227	102	105	40	670	308	978
No Disability	55	48	349	302	612	618	293	343	105	170	1414	1481	2895
Grand Total	55	53	379	321	920	760	520	445	210	210			3873

978 children in need have a diagnosed disability; this is an increase of 11 from the last reporting period.

Children with a learning disability remain the majority group and have increased in this reporting period by 46 from 480 to 526.

The 16+ population continues to increase steadily, with 9 new young people during this reporting period; increasing from 136 to 145. This has implications for future planning with regard to transitions to adult services and the completion of deprivation of liberty under the Mental Capacity Act (2019). The increase in numbers of young people with a disability requiring transitions support demonstrates a year on year trend in this area of service provision.

10.1.7	Disabled children known to the Trust who left school during the reporting period and the transition plans that are in place.	DSF - Children In Need spreadsheet
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Age at leaving school	>16 <17		>17 <18		18+		Total		Number with Transitions in place	
Disability Type	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Physical disability	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning disability	0	0	0	0	14	7	0	0	14	7
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism (ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	15	7	0	0	15	7

10.1.10	How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers?	Data Return 10
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Sixty-four children in need are young carers.

	Period 1 April 2021 – 30 September 2021
Total Number of Service Users	73
Level 1	0
Level 2	1
Level 3	67
Level 4	5
Assessment Stage	16 waiting for assessment

There are 16 young carers currently awaiting assessment as service is at capacity at present. Referrals for young carers assessments continue to be monitored by the carers support officer in the Trust.

10.1.12	(a) How many Trust sponsored Day Care Places provided through any means including Article 18, Fostering or others are there for Children in Need at period end?	DSF-Children In Need spreadsheet
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Day-care	Number of Purchased Places by Age	
	0 – 4	5-12
Day Nursery	52	8
Playgroup	1	0
Child-minder	27	6
Out of School hours club	0	20
Total	80	34

	(b) How many of these children have a disability?	DSF-Children In Need spreadsheet
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How many of these children have a disability?

7	22
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10.1.13

Trust usage of Family Centre Places for interventions.

DSF-
Children In
Need
spreadsheet

FAMILIES						
Name of Centre	Stat/Vol	Number of Referrals by Primary Reason for Intervention		Completed During Period		On Waiting List at Period End
		Primary Reason	Number of Referrals	Average Wait from Referral to Start of Intervention (Weeks)	Average Length of Intervention (Weeks)	
SET Connects	Statutory	Family Support	0	0	0	0
		Child Protection	0	0	0	0
		Looked After	67	2 weeks	79 weeks	4
Simpson Family Centre	Voluntary	Family Support	15	6 - 8 weeks	8 -10 weeks	5 waiting list (5 x family support)
		Child Protection	4	6 - 8 weeks	12 -14 weeks	0
		Looked After	3	6 - 8 weeks	12 -14 weeks	0
Colin Family Centre	Statutory	Family Support	1	10 weeks	15 weeks	0
		Child Protection	17	10 weeks	15 weeks	9
		Looked After	8	10 weeks	15 weeks	2
Knocknashinna Family Centre	Statutory	Family Support	0	10 weeks	15 weeks	0
		Child Protection	10	10 weeks	15 weeks	1
		Looked After	3	10 weeks	15 weeks	0

10.1.15	Please provide the number of children (if any) subject to a Supervision / Interim Supervision Order at period end (moved from Child Protection section).	DSF - Children In Need spreadsheet
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Supervision Orders	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	0	6	3	9
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	4
Total	0	0	2	0	3	1	3	3	1	0	9	4	13

10.1.16	During the period, please provide the number of children (if any) that became subject of a Supervision / Interim Supervision Order (moved from Child Protection section).	DSF - Children In Need spreadsheet
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Supervision Orders	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

CHILD PROTECTION

No data is required for items (10.2.1-10.2.8) – data sourced from HSCB quarterly Child protection Report.

10.2.1	How many children are on the Child Protection Register as at 30 th September?	Quarterly CP return to HSCB
	330 children are on the children protection register at 31 September 2021. The numbers of children on the children protection register has decreased by 23 from the previous reporting period.	
10.2.2	How many of these children have a learning disability?	Quarterly CP return to HSCB
	13 children have a learning disability.	
10.2.3	How many of these children have a physical disability?	Quarterly CP return to HSCB
	2 children have a physical disability.	
10.2.4	Religion of children on the Child Protection Register.	Quarterly CP return to HSCB

Religion	Male						Female						Overall Total
	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	
Roman Catholic	5	13	27	13	2	60	2	18	17	10	4	51	111
Presbyterian	3	3	7	7	2	22	6	3	7	10	3	29	51
Church of Ireland	1	1	6	3	1	12	1	2	4	3	0	10	22
Methodist	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other Denomination	1	11	11	7	2	32	1	11	16	6	2	36	68
None	0	12	5	2	1	20	3	12	5	4	2	26	46
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	3	8	0	1	13	1	6	7	3	1	18	31
Total	11	43	64	33	9	160	14	52	56	36	12	170	330

10.2 Children (NI) Order 1995

10.2.5	Ethnic origin of children on the Child Protection Register. (Note new categories now used in quarterly child protection template)	Quarterly CP return to HSCB
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Ethnic Origin	Male						Female						Overall
	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	Total
White	10	39	57	32	7	145	14	43	49	31	12	149	294
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed Ethnic Group	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	3	2	0	8	11
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	4
Not completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	0	4	6	0	1	11	0	5	2	1	0	8	19
Total	11	43	64	33	9	160	14	52	56	36	12	170	330

10.2.6	How many registrations have there been during the period?	Quarterly CP return to HSCB/Sosc are Reports
	There were 159 registrations during the period.	
10.2.7	How many de-registrations have there been during the period?	Quarterly CP return to HSCB
	There were 175 de-registrations during the period.	
10.2.8	What percentage of registrations are re-registrations?	Quarterly CP return to HSCB
	28.3% (45) registrations were re-registrations. There were 44 reported in last reported period.	

10.2 Children (NI) Order 1995

10.2.10 For children on the register, how long have they spent on the Register (as at 10.2.1)?

Quarterly
CP return
to HSCB

	Duration	Age Groups					
		Under one Year	1 - 4	5 - 11	12 - 15	16+	TOTAL
1	less than 3 months	11	22	22	14	3	72
2	3 months < 6 months	8	18	17	8	3	54
3	6 months < 1 year	6	27	41	22	9	105
4	1 year < 2 years	0	22	32	19	5	78
5	2 years < 3 years	0	4	2	5	1	12
6	3 years or more	0	2	6	1	0	9
	TOTAL	25	95	120	69	21	330

There has been a reduction of children on the child protection register. 353 were reported in the last period. The majority of children (231) stayed on the register for less than one year.

10.3 Children (NI) Order 1995

Looked After Children

10.3.1	Provide the current legal status for all Looked After Children at 30 th September (excluding any who are LAC on that day only by virtue of a short break arrangement)	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Legal status	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	1	3	17	14	14	18	11	13			43	48	91
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									12	11	12	11	23
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	3	2	11	5	10	8	2	7	0	0	26	22	48
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									3	7	3	7	10
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
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	1	16	11	54	50	58	46	29	28	157	136	293
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	3	9	35	26	32	19	11	12	1	3	82	69	151
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	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	1	0	1	4	3	5	2	0	1	10	8	18
TOTAL	8	16	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	334	304	638

During this reporting period the population of children who are cared for by the Trust has decreased by 1.

10.3.2	Religion and Ethnic origin of Looked After Children (please provide by new list of ethnic minorities)	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Religion	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F	
Roman Catholic	1	6	19	20	43	41	42	33	20	20	125	120	245
Presbyterian	0	2	14	9	23	22	20	16	7	11	64	60	124
Church of Ireland	1	0	8	0	17	8	11	15	9	3	46	26	72
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	5
Methodist	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	4	5	9
Other Christian	1	1	16	10	10	11	5	7	5	10	37	39	76
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Other	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	6
Not Known	3	2	6	3	5	4	1	2	0	1	15	12	27
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	2	5	14	14	12	10	5	3	1	4	34	36	70
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	8	16	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	334	304	638

Ethnicity	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	7	16	71	50	109	93	84	76	42	43	313	278	591
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish Traveller	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Roma Traveller	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	2	4	6
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
Black African	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	5
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	2	0	4	4	11	15
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Not Stated	1	0	4	4	1	3	1	0	0	1	7	8	15
TOTAL	8	16	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	334	304	638

10.3.3	Number of Looked After Children (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 30 th September.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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All Looked After Children		<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Residential	Statutory	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	15	4	10	11	25	36
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	0	6	2	8
	Private inc ECR's	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	5
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Residential Total	0	0	0	0	5	0	9	18	7	10	21	28	49
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	2	8	32	19	34	24	25	17	12	13	105	81	186
Kinship Care	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	1	0	1	5	1	6	2	1	0	1	5	13	18
	Kinship Care (Friends/relatives)	1	1	14	7	28	31	20	16	7	7	70	62	132
	Unregulated (In Placement >12 weeks and not yet approved)	3	4	11	9	10	9	11	7	2	3	37	32	69
	Independent Providers	1	0	13	9	26	14	11	16	4	4	55	43	98
	Fostering Total	8	13	71	49	99	84	69	57	25	28	272	231	503
Placed at Home with Parents		0	1	6	3	9	10	9	5	6	5	30	24	54
Placed for Adoption (LAC Children, with a Care Order, placed with Adoptive Parents)		0	0	2	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	4	10	14
Other		0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	7	7	11	18
Overall TOTAL		8	16	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	334	304	638

The Trust has experienced an increase of 11 children requiring residential care provision during this reporting period. The Trust continues to monitor the increase in children requiring residential care and is actively working to recruit foster carers as well as undertaking improvements in placement provision. The children and young people living in Trust fostering provision has reduced by 18 and unregulated placements have reduced by 5.

10.3.4	Age bands and length of time looked after for all Looked After Children at period end	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Length of time Looked After at period end	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
< 3 months	2	6	4	8	2	8	0	1	1	3	9	26	35
3 months to < 1year	6	10	12	12	19	10	5	12	8	8	50	52	102
1 year < 3 years	0	0	48	23	31	24	19	20	8	11	106	78	184
3 years < 5years	0	0	15	14	33	32	12	15	1	7	61	68	129
5years < 10 years	0	0	0	0	29	21	31	23	8	10	68	54	122
10+ years	0	0	0	0	1	5	20	10	19	11	40	26	66
Total	8	16	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	334	304	638

10.3.5	Number of children provided with a short break during the period who become Looked After by virtue of the short break arrangement.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Name of Unit	Children/Young People																	
	<1			1 - 4			5 - 11			12 - 15			16+			Total		
	No. of Children	Events/ Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events/ Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events/ Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events/ Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events/ Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events/ Episodes	Total Over night
Foster Carers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forest Lodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	3	9	13	4	13	20	9	26	38
Lindsay House	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	24	48	10	27	60	1	2	4	21	53	112
Beechfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenhill YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	51	115	8	21	45	6	15	29	25	87	189
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	79	168	21	57	118	11	30	53	55	166	339

10.3.6	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in a hospital.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Facility Name	Age at Placement		Total	Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+		
Beechcroft	0	2	2	1
Iveagh	0	1	1	0
Total	0	3	3	1

10.3.7	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in an adult facility. For example Residential Care Home, Nursing Home, Private Hospital.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Facility Name	Age at Placement		Total	Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+		
None	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

10.3.8	(a) What facilities – statutory, voluntary and private are available to care for these Looked After Children i.e. how many places in residential homes, foster care placements?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Name of Residential Unit	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	No of Beds	No of Beds available to Trust	Trust % occupancy 1.4.21-30.9.21	No of Respite beds	Respite % occupancy
William St children's Home	X			8	8	89.58%	Nil	Nil
Marmion Children's Home	X			8	8	87.50%	Nil	Nil
Flaxfield Children's Home	X			8	8	86.33%	Nil	Nil
Cuan Court Children's Home	X			8	8	37.50%	Nil	Nil
Belfast Central Mission Supported Accommodation		X		6	6	96.60%	Nil	Nil
MAC Supported Accommodation		X		8	8	93.74%	Nil	Nil
Barnardo's children's House		X		1	1	100%	Nil	Nil
Barnardo's Supported Accommodation		X		2	2	91.60%	Nil	Nil
Oaklands specialist Children's Home	X			6	6	66%	Nil	Nil
Ashgrove specialist Children's home	X			6	6	73.70%	Nil	Nil
Glenmore Cottage	X			4	4	100%	Nil	Nil
Beechfield short breaks			X	5	5	Nil	2	37%
Lindsay House Short term care	X			8	1	24%	Nil	Nil
Lindsay House short breaks	x			8	1	Nil	1	98%
Greenhill YMCA			X	2	2	Nil	2	83%

	(b) Provide your number of foster carers (should agree with 10.5.1) Provide the number of approved places offered (should agree with 10.5.2)	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Number of Foster Carers

*350

Number of Approved Places Offered

364

- There are 21 approved households currently not fostering (29 places) therefore we have **329** foster carers providing **364** places.

10.3.9	How many Looked After Children have had placement moves throughout the period? Trust must provide an explanation of actions taken to reduce placement moves during the period.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Placement changes	0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Number who moved once	6	9	6	6	3	1	1	5	16	21
Number who moved twice	0	0	2	1	0	4	1	1	3	6
Number who moved 3 times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number who moved 4 times or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	9	8	7	3	5	2	6	19	27

In this reporting period there were 46 children subject to placement moves; 37 children moved placement once with 9 children experiencing 2 placement moves. This is reduction of 8 from the last reporting period. There has been an increase of children and young people requiring new placements with behavioral challenge being a factor for foster carers. SET connects continues to provide support to foster carers with 522 consultations provided to carers/ adoptive parents during this reporting period.

Reasons for placement moves;

- 6 children/young people moved to alternative residential care.
- 13 children/young people moved as carers' felt unable to manage behaviour and requested the placement end. These were planned moves.

- 13 children/young people were moved due to placement breakdown.
- 3 young people moved to semi-independent living.
- 11 children/young people moved from short-term placements to adoptive families.

Actions provided to address placement moves and breakdowns

The Trust continues to monitor all placement moves to ensure the safe and effective care of children and young people during crisis.

Additionally;

- Over the course of this year the training team within the fostering service worked with carers to ensure access to the fostering in a Digital World App. This increased the availability of training resources and courses and has significantly increased stranger and kinship training within the Trust.
- Therapeutic crisis intervention for foster carers (TCIF) training continues to be offered to all foster carers to provide support in managing complex behaviours.
- The therapeutic team for looked after and adopted children (TTLAAC) offer therapeutic support and training to foster carers around attachment, trauma, loss, brain development and strategies of support.
- Joint consultations take place regularly between core professionals for early intervention and to promote stability of placement. This reviews support required and implementation of support.
- Over approvals and exemptions were provided to those experienced carers who have offered continued support throughout covid-19, to provide alternative and additional placements.

10.3.10

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

Looked After Children are awaiting assessment or treatment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services at period end.

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(b) How many Looked After Children have been referred for therapeutic services and their waiting time?						DSF – LAC spreadsheet
Referrals	Foster Care (non kin/traditional)	Kinship Foster Care	Residential Care	Young People Exiting Care	Post Adoption Support	TOTAL
Total Number of Referrals received this period	39	12	15	0	1	67
Source of these referrals received from						
Child's Social Worker	39	12	15	0	1	67
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
Number of Referrals Accepted	39	11	15	0	1	66
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	0	1	0	0	0	1
Number of referrals signposted to another service						
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post Adoption Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children engaged with the Service by substantive placement						
Number of children engaged with the Service at period start date	119	40	43	0	29	231
Number of children seen on a once off basis during the period	10	1	3	0	3	17
Number of children discharged from Service during the period	58	21	28	0	20	127
Number of children transferred to another Service during the period:						
• CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
• DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Adult Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Adult Psychology Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Other Post Adoption 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	96	32	45	0	15	188

Service delivery during the period	
Number of Reviews undertaken	1585
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	2
Number on waiting list at end of period	4
Numbers of DNAs during the period	76
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	0
For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average length of involvement (weeks)	79
TOTAL	1661

Consultations provided by the Service during the period		
	Number	Number which were repeat
• Social worker	802	on-going
• CAMHS	9	on-going
• DAMS	0	0
• Teacher	20	on-going
• Psychiatry	0	0
• GP	0	0
Carers/adoptive parents	522	on-going
One off	17	0
Children/Young People	215	on-going

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

Data Return
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The average waiting time for an appointment during this review period is 2 weeks and there have been no breaches to waiting times (PFA target is 13 weeks for Psychological Therapies). The service aims to offer a consultation within 6 weeks and where this is not

possible, the referrer is notified. Whilst there are 4 names on the waiting list, these have all been accepted, allocated and appointments have been offered.

The total number of referrals into the service from fostering and kinship fostering includes referrals to permanence for children in fostering where a best interest decision has been made.

The therapeutic service triage referrals and signpost to other services where appropriate. Due to the current covid-19 pandemic staff continue to deliver sessions via phone, zoom and face time; offering an increased level of support. Some face to face therapeutic contact has resumed where required. This will continue to be provided in line with covid-19 restrictions.

The data provided for the total number of review appointments, includes the total number of consultations at the narrative clinic. The narrative clinic is a service provided by SET Connects to aid social workers in supporting children and young people to tell their story. Narrative consultations continue via zoom. There have been a number of missed appointments due to fieldwork staff shortages and covid-19 related absences.

The data in relation to referrals from residential services reflect co-working, as there may be 2 practitioners working with a young person at the same time

In relation to staff support, during this review period, 26 individual psychotherapy sessions were held (reduced from 119), 155 staff met in reflective practice groups and 55 consultations were provided for residential managers. There were 45 not attended or cancelled appointments and groups. During the time period under review. No new referrals were made through residential manager consultation.

10.3.12	How many Looked After Children are Disabled by major category at period end?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Major Disability	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sensory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning	0	0	1	1	6	6	13	6	7	2	27	15	42
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/Aspergers/ADHD	0	0	0	0	11	7	19	9	13	5	43	21	64
Other (undefined)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Children With Disability	0	0	1	1	17	13	33	15	20	7	71	36	107
No Disability known	8	16	78	56	98	87	54	66	25	43	263	268	531

Total Looked After Children	8	16	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	334	304	638
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10.3.13	How many Looked After Children have a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) by school status at period end?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Statement of Educational Needs	M	F	Total
Primary school	24	10	34
Secondary school	37	26	63
Special School	29	19	48
Total	90	55	145

In the last reporting period there were 135 young people who are cared for by the Trust with a statement of special educational needs. This has increased by 10 to 145.

10.3.14	(a) Has each Looked After Child an allocated a named social worker at period end? YES	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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	Yes, each looked after child has an allocated named social worker.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>30.9.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table>	30.9.21	Yes
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Yes				

	(b) If no, give number of children and provide an update in the service summary on current position and actions taken.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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	All looked after children have been allocated a named social worker.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>30.9.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	30.9.21	0
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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? NO	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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	No, not all looked after children received a statutory visit.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>30.9.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	30.9.21	0
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	(b) If no, give number of children and provide an update in the service summary on current position and actions taken.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet		
	<p>A total of 3967 statutory visits took place within this reporting period; 11 of these visits were outside statutory timescales. This is a reduction from 57 at 31st March 2021. The Trust has been monitoring compliance with this statutory function and analysis of the reasons for non-compliance include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 young people refused to meet the social worker. • 2 were rescheduled to suit carer. • 2 were due to staff vacancies. • 2 social workers were on sick leave. • 1 young person was isolating due to covid-19 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>30.9.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> </tr> </table>	30.9.21	11
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10.3.16	No. of Looked After Children Reviews held during the period.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet		
752 reviews for children who are cared for by the Trust were held during this period.				
10.3.17	<p>Was the case of each Looked After Child reviewed in line with Statutory requirements? No</p> <p>If No, please provide number (<i>in the LAC spread sheet</i>) and explain actions taken to address this issue.</p>	Data Return 10		
<p>64 reviews for children who are cared for by the Trust took place outside the statutory timescale. This is an increase of 1 from the last reporting period;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 16 occasions the principal social worker was on sick leave • On 3 occasions no principal social worker was available • On 24 occasions the review was impacted by social worker vacancies (11), social workers on sick leave (12), social worker unavailable (1). • On 4 occasions no quorum was available. • On 10 occasions parents/ carers were unavailable due to sickness (3), bereavement (1), unavailable (3), purposeful delay (3). Other reasons include; • 1 sign language interpreter availability • 1 rescheduled to multi-disciplinary meeting • 2 transfer delay • 1 child in hospital • 1 awaiting court outcome • 1 awaiting expert report 				

10.3.20	Is there an adequate supply of placements for children to enable placement choice? No <i>(If no, Please explain)</i>	Data Return 10		
<p>Demand for fostering placements continues to be high and whilst there has been a steady increase in enquiries following covid-19 potential carers have not completed the process.</p> <p>There has been continued use of independent providers. The Trust has observed a reduction in the availability of placements from independent providers. The need for this service remains in place for children who are cared for, due to the shortage of Trust carers; 103 children within 70 households. The Trust continues to review and report on the use of independent providers.</p> <p>The Trust continues to review, track and monitor placements through fortnightly resource panel and referral meetings to address demand and capacity. This is supported by the tracking of foster carers coming through panel and the potential matching with children requiring placement. The need for fostering and care placements for children with disabilities remains high, with 1 child awaiting a foster placement. There are 7 children at risk of requiring placements outside the family home at present.</p>				
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?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet		
<p>There were 5 new exemptions within this reporting period, 3 of which were required as bridging placements 2 exemptions are continuing and have been presented to fostering panel.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1347 1086 1524 1220"> <tr> <td>1.4.21-30.9.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> </tr> </table>			1.4.21-30.9.21	5
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10.3.23	How many children are deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs? <i>(Please explain)</i>	DSF – LAC spreadsheet		
<p>22 children overall are inappropriately placed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 children/ young people require alternative short-term placements (3 were placed within emergency temporary placements. Additionally 2 children will be moving at the request of the carers.) • 5 children/young people require long-term placements (carers have requested placement move for 2 of these children, the remaining 3 children are in short-term placements and require long-term placements) • 12 children/ young people in residential care require fostering placements. <table border="1" data-bbox="1347 1400 1524 1534"> <tr> <td>1.4.21 - 30.9.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> </tr> </table>			1.4.21 - 30.9.21	22
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10.3.24

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

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

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: GLENMORE COTTAGE	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	11	0	1	0	12	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	1	0	1	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	11	0	1	0	12	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	0
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Name of Home: LINDSAY HOUSE	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: ARC SECURE	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8
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	8	0	0	0	8

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

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

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: PI SECURE

Reason for Use of Restraint	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
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	2	0	2

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

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

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: MURLOUGH SECURE

Reason for Use of Restraint	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	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

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

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

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10.3.25	Do all looked after children have a concurrent plan by the time of their	Data Return 10
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first 3 month statutory LAC Review? **No**

No, however, all children have a twin-track care plan by six months if rehabilitation to birth parents has not been ruled out.

10.3.26 Permanency Planning for Looked After Children at period end.

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

Permanency Plan	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Return to Birth Family	2	4	19	10	14	14	16	13	4	7	55	48	103
Return to Kinship Carers outside LAC system (Friend/Relative/Family Placement)	0	0	3	7	5	6	10	8	0	0	18	21	39
Adoption	4	7	21	20	1	2	0	0	0	0	26	29	55
Long term Fostering (Including Kinship)	0	0	36	20	95	78	61	60	27	28	219	186	405
Supported Living/Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	9	10	19
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	10
Total	6	11	79	57	115	100	87	81	45	50	332	299	631

Number of children not included above as they have been in care for less than 9 months	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	7
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Number where plan has been in place for 12 months or more and yet to be achieved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10.3.29	(a) How many Looked After Children are involved in offending behaviour (are formally cautioned or convicted) and	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Age	<1		1 - 4		5 – 11		12 - 15		16		17		TOTAL		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Cautioned					0	0	2	7	4	3	4	2	10	12	22
Remanded					0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Convicted					0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	3	5
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	4	3	6	4	12	16	28

	(b) How many Looked After Children are suspected to use drugs and/or alcohol?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Age	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16		17		TOTAL		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Use Alcohol					0	0	2	5	2	2	4	3	8	10	18
Use Drugs					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use Drugs and Alcohol					0	0	1	3	1	8	5	6	7	17	24
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	3	10	9	9	15	27	42

10.3.34	(a) 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)	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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OAKLANDS

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	1	57	4	98	5	155
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	3	21	3	21
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	3
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	1	2	5	3	6
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	2	2	5	3	7
Other	0	0	1	9	3	30	4	39
Total	0	0	1	69	4	162	5	231

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	1	0	4	0	5	0
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PI SECURE

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

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ARC SECURE

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
Other	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	4
Total	0	0	2	7	0	0	2	7

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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WILLIAM STREET

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	6	12	3	23	9	35
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	2	13	2	13
Child At Risk	0	0	5	12	2	5	7	17
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	5	7	1	1	6	8
Other	0	0	4	11	4	11	8	22
Total	0	0	20	42	12	53	32	95

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	6	0	3	0	9	0
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MARMION

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	3	19	2	15	5	34
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	6
Child At Risk	0	0	3	9	2	4	5	13
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	5	2	4	4	9
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	8	33	2	29	15	62

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

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	1	19	3	55	4	74
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	7
Child At Risk	0	0	1	7	3	34	4	41
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
Total	0	0	3	27	10	100	13	127

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0
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ASHGROVE

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	3	21	0	0	3	21
Breach of Bail	0	0	2	13	0	0	2	13
Child At Risk	0	0	3	14	0	0	3	14
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	3	6	0	0	3	6
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
Other	0	0	3	15	0	0	3	15
Total	0	0	15	72	0	0	15	72

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
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GLENMORE

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

Total no of individual <i>children</i> this relates to:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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MURLOUGH SECURE

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

Total no of individual <i>children</i> this relates to:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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LINDSAY HOUSE

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

Total no of individual <i>children</i> this relates to:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FLAXFIELD

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	4	56	3	10	7	66
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	5	38	3	12	8	50
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
Assault within Placement	0	0	3	6	0	0	3	6
Other	0	0	6	17	2	2	8	19
Total	0	0	18	117	9	28	27	145

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	6	0	3	0	9	0
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GREENHILL YMCA

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

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10.3.35

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

No children who are looked after have been accommodated by ELB during this reporting period.

10.3.36

- (a) Number of Sibling groups accommodated:
- Together
 - Not accommodation together at period end

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13 sibling groups have been referred during this reporting period. 2 groups of 2 siblings were accommodated together. 11 sibling groups not accommodated together due to lack of placements. This is an increase of 5 (from 6 sibling groups in the last reporting period).

Current situation is as follows;

- 1 group of 4 siblings (2 placed together, 2 placed separately).
- 4 groups of 3 siblings (out of the 4 sibling groups – 3 groups had 2 siblings placed together and 2 sibling placed separately. Within the last sibling group all 3 children were placed separately).
- 6 groups of 2 siblings where the siblings were placed separately.

10.3.39 (a) During the period how many children or young people became Looked After Child by age, gender and first placement? a DSF – LAC spreadsheet

Placement of new admissions to LAC		<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 -15		16+		Total		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Residential	Statutory	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	1	5	6
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Private inc ECR's	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Residential Total	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	3	5	8
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	2	4	3	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	8	11	19
	Kinship care	4	4	5	5	5	9	2	0	0	1	16	19	35
	Independent Providers	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	6
	Fostering Total	6	11	8	10	9	12	2	1	0	1	25	35	60
Placed at Home with Parents		0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3
Placed for Adoption		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	4
Overall TOTAL		6	12	8	11	11	13	3	4	3	4	31	44	75

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

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

	(c) Of those children at 10.3.39(a) admitted to care during the period how many have previously been on the Child Protection Register in the last 2 years from the period end date?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Children Previously on the Child Protection Register	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 -15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	4	11	6	8	7	7	2	3	0	0	19	29	48

	(d) Number of Children and Young People who became Looked After during the period had a CLA1 form completed and forwarded to School?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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CLA1 form completed and forwarded to school	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 -15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	0	0	0	0	11	13	3	4	3	4	17	21	38

	(e) Can you confirm that all the above admissions to care are properly recorded and do not include what should rightly be reported as a placement move (e.g. a fostering breakdown where the RESWS moves the child to a children's home)? Yes	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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	Yes, all admissions to care were properly recorded.	
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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?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Legal status	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	1	3	2	5	4	7	2	2	0	0	9	17	26
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	5
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	3	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	4	11
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	1	6	1	3	4	2	1	2	0	0	7	13	20
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	5	7
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
TOTAL	6	12	8	11	11	13	3	4	3	4	31	44	75

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

For each of the above totals how many of these were:	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Planned	3	8	2	4	5	3	2	1	2	3	14	19	33
Unplanned	1	2	4	5	5	7	0	0	0	0	10	14	24
Emergency	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	1	7	11	18
Total	6	12	8	11	11	13	3	4	3	4	31	44	75

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

26 children were admitted to kinship foster care through an unplanned or emergency admission.

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

No admissions were carried out by RESWS in this reporting period.

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10.3.41 During the period how many children or young people ceased to be

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

Looked After by age, gender and length of time looked after at discharge?

Length of time Looked After prior to discharge	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under 2 weeks	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 weeks < 3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Months < 6 months	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	4	6	10
6 Months < 1 Year	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	2	5
1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	3	3	1	0	3	3	2	1	9	7	16
2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	7	2	9
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	3	2	3	3	0	0	3	2	9	7	16
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	5	4	9
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	7	8
Total	0	1	14	7	8	6	5	6	13	16	40	36	76

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

DSF – LAC spreadsheet

Destination	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Returned to Parents/Siblings	0	1	6	2	3	4	4	4	4	8	17	19	36
Returned to Relatives/friends	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	5	4	9
Adopted	0	0	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	5	14
Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)									0	0	0	0	0
Foster Carers (GEM)								1	5	7	5	8	13
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects									3	0	3	0	3
Bed + Breakfast									0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, Foyer									0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings									1	0	1	0	1
Prison, Hospital									0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	14	7	8	6	5	6	13	16	40	36	76

	(b) Of those 16+ year olds who ceased to be Looked After during the period what was their entitlement to Leaving Care Services by age and gender?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Category	16		17		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Number entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	2	13	14	13	16	29
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	13	14	13	16	29

10.3.44	(a) Please provide the total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period. For (a) above please give the number of children that were formerly placed with Stranger (Foster Carers), Kinship (Foster Carers), Residential Care or other placement.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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The total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period is:

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Placement	No. of Children
Stranger (Foster Carers)	2
Kinship (Foster Carers)	8
Residential Care	0
Other placement	0
Total	10

	(b) How many Residence Orders are in place at period end?	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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The total number of Residence Orders in place at period end is 156.

10.3.45	Number of Children or Young People who died during the current reporting period and were Looked After by the Trust by cause/age.	DSF – LAC spreadsheet
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Cause	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 - 17		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Category	Male						Total	Female						Total	Total
	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Male	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Female	
Eligible	20	24					44	20	28					48	92
Relevant	0	1					1	1	1					2	3
Former Relevant			23	21	17	19	80			20	18	19	13	70	150
Qualifying	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total	20	25	24	22	17	19	127	22	29	20	18	19	13	121	248

10.4.2	<p>Of those eligible young people reported at 10.4.1 give the Children Order Legal Status at period end.</p> <p>Age reference table will automatically update as spread sheets completed.</p>	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	10	20	30
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	26	31	57
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	3	1	4
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	1	0	1
Total	40	52	92

10.4.6	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 (a) What are the social worker and personal adviser arrangements in place for each category of young people?	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Category	Number of Young People with				
	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	92	0	0
Relevant	0	0	3	0	0
Former Relevant	13	83	54	0	0
Qualifying	0	0	3	0	0

All eligible young people must have a named social worker and personal adviser.

Relevant and former relevant young people must have a named personal adviser and based on needs may also require a named social worker

All qualifying young people must have a named worker who can be a social worker or personal adviser based on assessed needs.

During this reporting period the Trust has reduced young people awaiting allocation of a personal advisor by 40 to 0.

	(b) Of the young people with a named personal adviser, how many have a Person Specific Personal Adviser?	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Category	Of the young people with a named Personal Adviser - how many have a person Specific Personal Adviser
Eligible	0
Relevant	0
Former Relevant	0
Qualifying	0

	(c) How many do not have an up to date Pathway Plan at period end?	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Category	No. without an Up to Date Pathway Plan
Eligible	0
Relevant	0
Former Relevant	13
Qualifying	0
Total	13

10.4.7	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?	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Category	No. Without a completed Needs Assessment	Time Waiting			
		<3 Months	3-6 Months	7-12 Months	<1 Year
Eligible	0	0	0	0	0
Relevant	0	0	0	0	0
Former Relevant	13	13	0	0	0
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	13	0	0	0

10.4.8	Summary of failure to comply as detailed in 10.4.6, 10.4.7 at period end.	Data Return 10
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10.4.6 (A) – All eligible young people have a personal advisor. Other young persons have either a named social worker/personal advisor or both.

10.4.7 – There are 13 pathway needs assessments to be updated. These have been outstanding under 3 months and are being prioritised.

10.4.9	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what are their living arrangements at period end? Please complete for (a) Eligible;	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Placement Type	16	17	Total
Foster Placement (Stranger)	17	16	33
Foster Placement (Kinship)	10	10	20
At Home In Care	6	8	14
Residential Children's Home	7	7	14
Secure Care - Lakewood	0	0	0
JJC-Woodlands	0	0	0
Specialist Residential Placement (NI/UK)	0	0	0
Hospital	0	1	1
Supported Lodgings/STAY	0	0	0
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	7	7
B+B/Hotel	0	0	0
Foyers/Hostels	0	0	0
Bespoke Arrangement	0	3	3
Other	0	0	0
Total	40	52	92

	(b) Relevant;	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Living Arrangements	16	17	Total
Foster Placement (Stranger)	0	0	0
Foster Placement (Kinship)	0	0	0
At Home In Care	1	2	3
Residential Children's Home	0	0	0
Secure Care - Lakewood	0	0	0
JJC-Woodlands	0	0	0
Specialist Residential Placement (NI/UK)	0	0	0
Hospital	0	0	0
Supported Lodgings/STAY	0	0	0
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0
B+B/Hotel	0	0	0
Foyers/Hostels	0	0	0
Bespoke Arrangement	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	1	2	3

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Living Arrangements	18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	20	9	5	8	42
Independent Living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	5	12	16	14	47
At Home with Parents/Siblings	4	3	5	1	13
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	6	4	0	1	11
Relatives/friends	6	9	7	2	24
B+B/Hotel	0	0	0	0	0
Foyers/Hostels	1	1	2	1	5
Supported Lodgings/STAY	0	0	0	0	0
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	1	0	0	5	6
Prison	0	1	1	0	2
Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	43	39	36	32	150

	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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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	0	1	0	0	1
At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relatives/friends	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B+B/Hotel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyers/Hostels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supported Lodgings/STAY	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	0	1	1	0	0	3

10.4.10	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what is their current education, training and employment status, and how many are being supported financially at period end?' 10.4.10 (a) Eligible;	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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ETE Status	16	17	Total	No. Receiving financial support
Secondary Level Education	37	15	52	52
Further Education	1	19	20	20
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	1	3	4	4
Pre-Vocational	0	6	6	6
Employment	0	2	2	2
ETE Inactive	1	5	6	6
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	1	1	1
Other(Sick/Disabled, Parent, Carer)	0	1	1	1
Total	40	52	92	92

	(b) Relevant;	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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ETE Status	16	17	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	1	1	2	2
Further Education	0	1	1	1
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0
ETE Inactive	0	0	0	0
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	1	2	3	3

(c) Former Relevant; and

DSF-16+
spreadsheet

ETE Status	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	6	0	0	0	6	6
Further Education	13	10	1	4	28	28
Higher Education	4	5	4	9	22	22
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	3	5	5	3	16	16
Pre-Vocational	3	0	2	0	5	5
Employment	3	8	9	8	28	28
ETE Inactive	6	9	14	8	37	37
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	5	2	1	0	8	8
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	43	39	36	32	150	150

(d) Qualifying young people

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spreadsheet

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

10.4.11	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many were convicted during this reporting period?	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Category	Convictions within last 12 months	Number of Care Leavers formally cautioned during the period	Number of Care Leavers formally remanded during the period	Number of Care Leavers formally convicted during the period
Eligible	Not Required	3	1	1
Relevant		0	0	0
Qualifying		0	0	1
Former Relevant		4	1	4
Total	0	7	2	6

10.4.12	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many have a disability by major disability – physical, sensory, learning, chronic illness, Autism (see definition) and other, type and gender at period end?’	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Type of Disability	Male	Female	Total
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	1	1
Sensory	1	1	2
Learning	3	2	5
Chronic illness	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/Asperger's/ADHD	38	11	49
Other (undefined)	1	8	9
No Disability	84	98	182
Total	127	121	248

Please provide some more information on the 'Other' Category.	2 young people have diabetes and 7 have received a mental health diagnosis.
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10.4.13	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what is their parental status at period end?’	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Parental Status	No of Young People
Parent	10
Lone Parent	7

10.4.14	'Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many are receiving treatment for mental health issues at period end? Of these, how many were new referrals to mental health services during the period?	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Mental Health Concerns	No. of Young People waiting for or receiving Mental Health interventions/services	Number of new referrals to mental health intervention/services during period (1.4.21 - 30.9.21).
Mental Health Concerns	41	12
Self-Harm	10	4

10.4.15	Number of Young People who are no longer Looked After but who died during the current reporting period and were in receipt of aftercare services by cause/age.	DSF-16+ spreadsheet
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Cause	16-17		18+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

10.5 FOSTERING

10.5.1	(a) How many foster carers are registered with the Trust at period end? How many of the carers above also provide a GEM placement? Of the carers above how many are Prospective adopters dually approved as foster carers? Of the Prospective Adopters/Dually Approved carers above how many are Concurrent Foster/Adoptive Carers?	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
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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)	Total
Foster Care (kinship) < 12 weeks not yet approved by panel	8					8
Foster Care (kinship) >12 wks but not panel approved by 16 wks	25					25
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	0					0
Panel Approved kinship carer	103					103
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)		47	77	40	29	193
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers)		8	0	7	6	21
Total	136	55	77	47	35	350

How many of the Carers above also provide a GEM Placement*	14					14
Of the carers above how many are Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers	28					28
Of the Prospective Adopters/Dually Approved carers above how many are Concurrent Foster/Adoptive Carers	7					7

	(b) Please give the number of other foster carers;	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
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Other Foster carers	No. of Carers
Independent Provider Foster Carers	70
Carers providing care only to children with a disability and who are not available to provide care for Looked After Children	0
Total	70

	(c) Please give a breakdown of the number of foster carers de-registered during the period and the reason;	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
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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	3	10	13	16
No longer wishing to foster	0	7	7	14
Retired/phased out	5	4	9	13
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	8	0	8	9
Total	16	21	37	52

	(d) Please advise of the recruitment process activity during the period;	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
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Recruitment Process Activity during the period*	No. of Carers	
	Kinship	
Numbers receiving information packs	Kinship	45
	Non-Kinship	43
Number of Initial Home Visits	Kinship	40
	Non-Kinship	21
Numbers of Households attending Skills to Foster course	Kinship	9
	Non-Kinship	19
Number of Completed Assessments during the period	Kinship	9
	Non-Kinship	11
Number of these assessments that were already approved as Adopters.	Kinship	0
	Non-Kinship	4

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

DSF-Foster care spreadsheet

Enquiries forwarded from RAFS	No of Carers
Total No. of Regional Enquirers referred from the Regional Team(RAFS)	43
Number of RAFS enquirers Approved as foster carers within the reporting period*?	0
No. of enquiries progressed to assessment but have not yet to Panel within the reporting period*?	2

Please see breakdown of narrative below regarding enquiries and outcomes.

Narrative Outcome re Enquiries	No of Carers
Transferred to Stay Project	4
Withdrew from Process	25
New enquiries & on waiting list for Skills to Foster Training	12
Progressed to Assessment	2**
Total	43

**Information with regard to those progressing to assessment refers to cases that have been referred after April 2020.

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.	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
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Type of approval	Total places	Vacant at period end	Fostering Households with no child placed at the period end	Narrative
Foster Care (kinship) < 12 weeks not yet approved by panel	12	0	0	
Foster Care (kinship) >12 weeks but not panel approved by 16 weeks	33	0	0	
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	0	0	0	
Panel Approved kinship carer'	132	2	2	2 kinship carers waiting de-registration with 2 places
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)	166	29	21	21 households with 29 places vacant; 5 to de-register, 6 on a break for personal reasons, 2 due to covid-19 health and 1 requiring further assessment post adoption move. There are also 7 dual approved households.
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers)	21	0	0	
Total	364	31	23	

Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers	32	11	Narrative
Total	32	11	2 households waiting de-registration and 7 without a placement. 21 households with 23 places child in place or matched (formally/informally) Therefore 9 households vacant with 11 places.

10.5.3	How many foster carers have annual reviews outstanding?	Data return 10
	Please provide the number of viability visits undertaken during the reporting period. (moved from 10.5.1f)	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet

	<p>53 foster carers' annual reviews are outstanding. This is an increase of 24 from the last reporting period. There are multiple reasons why these reviews are delayed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 carers are taking a break from fostering (3 directly due to covid-19). • 1 is taking a break post adoption, • 11 de-registrations are required and either booked or being scheduled for panel. • 4 are awaiting ACNI checks and medicals. • 5 carers are in the process of top-up assessments • 1 annual review on hold due to allegations • 1 annual review on hold due to complaint • 15 delays due to staff absence and or sickness • 6 delays due to recent placement endings 	
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Viability Visits	Joint Visits	Visits completed by Child's Social Worker	Visits Completed by Supervising Social Worker
Number of Visits	41	0	0

10.5.4	Please provide specific actions being taken by the Trust to ensure outstanding reviews are completed	Data return 10
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Annual reviews continue to be monitored and tracked as per internal processes.

Extra panel dates are scheduled. As well as this an additional member of staff has been recruited to facilitate extra panels to address the backlog associated with above factors. Absences caused by maternity and sick leave are also being addressed with additional staff and delayed annual reviews are being prioritised.

10.5.5	What action is being taken to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care places	Data return 10
<p>Regional recruitment meetings remain in place on a monthly basis to drive forward fostering activity for the recruitment of foster carers. A number of initiatives have taken place regionally and locally e.g. bill board posters at bus stops, posters across Northern Ireland caravan sites and shops. Events are being held outdoors (where possible), to promote fostering and make it more visual. This has included staff taking part in the Belfast marathon, sports tops provided for staff to wear at gyms, out running, or at sporting events. Connections have been developed with sports NI; GAA and rugby, to promote fostering across their facilities and at their events, radio advertisements, live webinars and chats. Fostering Friday is held monthly for the public to join staff and discuss fostering. Videos have been released on digital platforms, car stickers for Trust vehicles and stakeholder engagement with the education authority and local councils. These are just a few of the events that have taken place. The Trust continues to use the digital platforms that have grown in use over covid-19, such as Facebook, Twitter and the HSCNI webpage to promote profiles, advertise events and engage the public. Through this continued use of events (virtual and direct), stakeholder engagement and digital platforms the Trust is enabling people from all backgrounds to consider fostering.</p>		

10.5 PRIVATE FOSTERING The Children Order (NI) 1995 - Part X NB Advice from DLS is that the 28day period should be continuous.		
10.5.6	What steps has the Trust taken to encourage notifications?	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
There is an on-going regional need to promote and raise awareness of private fostering as there is a lack of notifications received. This is an issue for all Trusts despite leaflets being distributed.		
10.5.7	How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 30 th September?	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		0
10.5.8	How many Private Fostering notifications under Article 106 has the Trust received during the period?	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		0
10.5.9	Please provide DOB and Date notification was received in respect of each child/young person reported at 10.5.8	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		N/A
10.5.10	Of the notifications received (10.5.8) how many has the Trust accepted?	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		N/A
10.5.11	Of those notifications not accepted please summarise reasons and action taken by the Trust	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		N/A
10.5.12	Number of appeals made during the year under Article 113	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		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.	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		N/A
	Notifications under Regulation 4 of the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations (NI) 1996	
10.5.14	How many notifications has the Trust received in respect of children being adopted from abroad i.e. Inter-country Adoption within the period.	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
		1
	Please specify the child's DOB and the date the Trust received each notification	DSF-Foster care spreadsheet
	DOB 02.02.2016 and Trust notified on 27.07.21	

10.6 Adoption (NI) Order 1987 Adoption (Inter-country 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?	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Source of Enquiries	Domestic	Inter-Country
Central Regional Team (e.g. Website)	21	0
Newspaper advertisement	0	0
Radio advertisement	0	0
Word of mouth	12	0
Trust Website	3	0
Specific local campaign	0	0
Total	36	0

	(b) Please provide the waiting time from initial inquiry to commencement of training	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Time waiting	Domestic	Inter-Country
Less than 1 month	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0
More than 6 month less than 12 months	9	0
1 year or more	0	0
Total	9	0

10.6.2	Number of domestic applications for assessment received by the Trust by civil status of applicant	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Household type	No.
Single carer	3
Cohabiting heterosexual couple (where this is a joint application)	0
Cohabiting same sex couple (where this is a joint application)	2
Married	4
Total	9

10.6.3	Number of Prospective Domestic Adopters awaiting assessment at period end, length of time waiting, and reason waiting	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Time waiting	Reason waiting				Total
	No Social Worker Available to commence assessment	Unlikely that child waiting at this time fits their criteria	Applicant not ready to proceed	Other(please specify below)	
Less than 1 month	0	0	0	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	1	0	0	0	1
More than 3 months less than 6 months	3	0	0	0	3
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	0	0	0
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	0	0	0	4

10.6.6	Of all adoption assessments (both domestic and inter country) completed during the period please give details of the outcomes	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Outcome of assessment	No. of Domestic Assessments
Counselled out in Assessment Process	0
Went to Panel and Refused	0
Households approved as Adoptive carers	0
Households approved as Dual carers/Concurrent Carers	5
Households where previous Foster Carers have been approved as Adoptive carers for their LAC	2
Total	7

10.6.7	Number of looked after children freed for adoption and not yet placed with their prospective adopters as at 30th September; and duration of wait since freeing order as granted	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Length of time awaiting placement form the granting of the Freeing Order	<1		1 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Less than 1 month	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

10.6.8	(a) Activity under the Adoption (NI) Order 1987 during the period; Of the number above please give the number who were adopted in a Hague designated country and therefore not through the Courts in NI and have had their Article 23 reports completed in the time period; Please provide the number of Freeing Orders made during the reporting period;	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Type of Order	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10 -15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Adoption Orders Article 12 (1)														
Previously Looked After* See note below	0	0	2	1	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	9	6
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	2	1	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	9	6
For any 'other' adoption orders, please provide more detail below.														

	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Inter-country Adoptions in a (Hague Designated Country)	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10 -15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Of the number above how many <u>were adopted in</u> 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

Freeing Orders Art 17 and Art 18	<1		1 - 2		1 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Freeing Order - Art 17 with agreement	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Freeing Orders - Art 18 (1) without agreement	0	0	3	3	1	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	6	9
Court Applications for Freeing Orders not granted during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Length of Time	0 - <6 Months	6 months - <1 year	1 - <2 years	2 - <3 years	3 - <5 years	5+ years	Total
No. of Children	9	2	1	2	1	0	15

10.6.9	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.	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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Children who have received a best interest decision and have not been placed with approved adopter.	<1		1 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Less than 1 month	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	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	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
1 year or more	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	0	0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	4

Of these twelve children not yet placed with approved adopters, six are with foster

parents who are undertaking adoption assessments that are not yet approved to adopt.

10.6.10	How many children are in receipt of an Adoption Allowance at 30th September and how many households is this?	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 15		16+ years		Total	
Adoption Allowances	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
No. of Adoption Allowances paid in respect of children at 30th September 2021?	0	0	1	1	4	2	15	19	24	16	7	10	51	48

How many households receive adoption allowance at period end?

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10.6.11	Of the number at 10.6.10 how many commenced during the period and how many households is this?	DSF-Adoption spreadsheet
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	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10 -15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
No. of Adoption allowances reported above, that commenced during the period?	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	6	6

How many households/families is this?

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10.6.12	Details of recruitment, assessment, training, support for prospective adopters	Data Return 10
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1 preparation to adopt course was held over zoom in June 2021. There were 4 half day sessions held over a 2week period. 6 couples and 3 single applicants attended. All who attended have requested to proceed with an adoption application. This method of training continues to be positively received.

Prospective adopters and approved adopters have linked into webinars and numerous courses; including additional training offered by the Trust Fostering Service, Beacon House and Adoption UK on childhood trauma, emotional regulation, therapy, minimising sensory overload and core skills to foster.

7 adoption assessments were completed during this reporting period and were

	<p>recommended for approval at panel. An additional 13 assessments remain on-going.</p> <p>There was no active recruitment between 1 April 2021 and 30 September 2021 and the levels of enquiries have returned to average with 36 new enquiries, following the lockdown increase of 65 enquiries.</p> <p>The adoption team are responsible for the assessment of step parent adoption applicants. There were no new applications in this period.</p> <p>4 applications for non-agency domestic adoption orders have been assessed by the team for the court in this period.</p> <p>The Trust is currently working with 6 inter-country adopters. 2 of these prospective adopters now have a child in their care, both from Thailand. The other 4 are awaiting placement and are reviewed on a 6 monthly basis.</p> <p>In this reporting period the adoption team provided support to 32 sets of adopters. 21 of these approved adopters had a child placed in their care and the other 11 were supported pre placement. When a link has been identified at pre linking panel then increased support is required before the matter is proposed to adoption panel for matching.</p> <p>Since 1 April 2021, tracing enquiries have continued to come in at a steady rate with an average of 3 a month. Adult tracing enquiries continue to increase.</p>	
<p>10.6.13</p>	<p>Details of Post Adoption Support - this section should include data in respect of the number of and action taken in respect of placement breakdowns both pre (i.e. where adoption is the care plan) and post adoption order</p>	<p>Data Return 10</p>
	<p>There were no adoption breakdowns in this period pre or post adoption order.</p> <p>The post adoption and permanence service has been creative in its provision of support during the reporting quarter due to the on-going covid-19 restrictions. Over 59 families were supported during this period by the permanence service.</p> <p>The service's creative response to support during a pandemic saw the Trust run a Goat Yoga pilot scheme. This was funded and run in conjunction with the South Eastern Outdoors Therapeutic Academy. It targeted adopted children of primary school age to engage with their adoptive parents in Goat Yoga.</p> <p>The permanence teams also facilitated a <i>Playball</i> activity day which was so successful further ones are planned for late 2021. This was a fun day event held for adopted children in which they</p>	

	<p>could acquire new skills and make friends who are also adopted. Adoptive parents enjoyed the opportunity to meet other adopters and establish informal support networks. Virtual bingo nights were also held over this period.</p> <p>With the continuing of some restrictions due to covid-19 the permanence service had to be creative during this time. The teams engaged in <i>WhatsApp</i> videos and <i>zoom</i> contacts and then with the reinstatement of contact the teams had to risk assess each child, adoptive family and birth family to support the contact being re-established. The service has facilitated 120 direct and indirect contacts over the reporting period.</p> <p>Social workers carried out virtual support visits and then in person visits during this time. They were accompanied on these when required by the lead clinical psychologist for the service. The increased number (25%) of consultations with the lead clinical psychologist highlighted there was a greater need for support to adoptive placements, as many were experiencing greater pressure during the lock down period.</p> <p>All the social workers in the service are trained in theraplay and dyadic developmental psychotherapy (DDP) which has meant they could provide hands on assistance *in the home with the children within their adoptive placements. (*adhering to Covid guidelines).</p> <p>With additional staff in permanence service the Trust has engaged increasing numbers of adoptive families.</p> <p>Counselling sessions with a freelance post adoption depression specialist were offered to the adopters if required. This has been an effective service and 15 families are availing of this service currently.</p> <p>Play therapy and other therapies such filial and art therapy were also funded where required.</p>	
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EARLY YEARS

10.7.1	Please provide the current early years provision / places, registrations and de-registrations Include Number of Approved Home Child Carers	DSF-Early Years spreadsheet
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Sector	Current Provision		Registrations/Deregistrations/Voluntary Ceased		
	Total Number of Services	Number of Places	Number New Registrations During period	De-registrations	
				Number Deregistered by the Trust during period	No Voluntary Ceased during the period
Day Nursery	65	2964	2	0	0
Out of School within Day Nursery	50	1370			
Total Day Nursery Places		4334			
Crèche	4	88	0	0	0
Playgroup	77	2641	0	0	1
Stand-Alone Out of School	42	1480	2	0	0
Child-minder	507	3043	11	0	26
Approved Home Child carers	55	0	3	0	1
Holiday Scheme	2	101	1	0	0
Two year old Programme.	11	132	0	0	0
Total	813	11819	19	0	28

10.7.2	Registration issues and commentary as at period end <i>(If any challenges or issues please provide a brief analysis)</i>	Data Return 10
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Comment on table 10.7.1.

All registration certificates were reviewed when collating the data for this return, which in part has led to a change in the number of places reported previously. There were some inconsistencies in how places were being counted and recorded on the system. Other changes in places have arisen due to settings closing part of their provision; or seeking dual registration of rooms; or increasing their capacity. A consistent approach has now been applied to all certificates and will be maintained moving forward.

Day Nursery (DN) places have been calculated in the following way;

- Total number of DN places: This is the maximum number of places in the

sector at any 1 time.

- Number of Out of School with Day Nursery (OOS) places within a DN: This figure is the maximum number of OOS places that a DN may have taking to account the dual room approval status that several settings now have.
- Number of DN places: This is the total number of DN places minus the maximum number of OOS places.
- Re calculation of Playgroup places: Many settings have morning and afternoon sessions – it appears there have been inconsistencies in how these places had been counted and recorded previously, with some sessions not being included. This meant total places were under-reported.

Comment on 10.7.3

Covid-19 continues to impact service delivery with planned inspections sometimes needing rearranged due to temporary closure/self-isolation requirements.

Number requiring inspection 01.04.21 - 31.03.22: this reflects the numbers reported as overdue at 31st March. There are several settings that will also become due for inspection from November - March 2021 onwards, as this is when the Trust recommenced inspections after the cessation of inspections in 2020. The figure for these has been included in the column: Total inspections still to be carried out 1.04.21 - 31.03.22.

Inspection completion is being monitored on a monthly basis and the Trust is on target for completion of all overdue inspections (from the period 1.03.20 - 31.03.21) by 31st December 2021. This is in line with the DOH agreed target for completion of these overdue inspections by 31 March 2022. It is planned that from 1.01.22 the teams will begin inspecting those that are due inspection from 1 November 2021 onwards.

Overdue inspections: for all those reported with an overdue period of more than seven months, this is to do with the on-going backlog created by the cessation of inspections in 2020. Priority will be given to those who are most overdue/where there are concerns. It is anticipated that these will be completed by 31 March 2022.

Comment on 10.7.4

No additional comment to make.

Comment on 10.7.5

No additional comment to make.

10.7.3	Total number of annual Inspections required, number carried out, number outstanding and time outstanding as at 30th September	DSF-Early Years spreadsheet
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Sector	Number Requiring Inspection during the period (1.4.21-31.3.22)	Number of Inspections carried out during the period (1.4.21-30.9.21)	Number of the in inspections carried out remotely only (subset of the number of inspections carried out) (1.4.21-30.9.21)	Total Inspections still to be completed this year (1.4.21-31.3.22)
Day Nursery	24	30	0	34
Crèche	3	1	0	3
Playgroup	57	35	0	40
Out of School	26	22	1	9
Child-minder	395	218	4	249
Holiday Scheme	1	1	0	0
Two year old Programme	10	4	0	6
Total	516	311	5	341

Time Outstanding									
No. of Overdue Inspections i.e. haven't been inspected in the last year at 30.9.21	0-3mths	4-6mths	7-9mths	10-12mths	13-18mths	19-24mths	2-3 years	3-4 years	5 yrs +
3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
27	1	1	7	9	6	3	0	0	0
7	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
218	0	3	49	93	42	31	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0
263	1	4	62	104	52	40	0	0	0

Please see narrative 10.7.2. for an explanation of how the figures have been calculated for column total inspections still to be completed this year.

10.7.4	Number of outstanding applications for each of the above categories as at 30 th September?	DSF-Early Years spreadsheet
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Sector	No. of Applications not Allocated	Length of Time Unallocated from receipt of Application				
		0-3 Months	4-6mths	7-9mths	10-12mths	12+ Mths
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	3	3	0	0	0	0
Child-minder	10	6	1	2	1	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	9	1	2	1	0

4 - 6 months: child-minder is awaiting a place on core training; 7-9 months - 1 child-minder completing core training, 1 child-minder delayed in sending in her paperwork; 10-12 months - child-minder still to complete paediatric first aid training.

10.7.5	Number of current applications being assessed at period end and duration of assessment	DSF-Early Years spreadsheet
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Sector	Number in Progress	Length of Time that applications have been in progress				
		0 - 3 mths	4 - 6mths	7- 9mths	10 - 12mths	12+ mths
Day Nursery	1	1	0	0	0	0
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child-minder	2	1	1	0	0	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	2	1	0	0	0

Child-minder 4-6 months - assessment was delayed at child-minder request due to issues regarding her premises.

10.8 Complaints & Representation		
10.8.1	Does the Trust have an appropriately authorised and experienced children’s complaints officer? Yes	Data Return 10
	The Trust has a complaints manager who undertakes the role of the designated complaints officer under the Children’s Order complaints procedure, with expert advice from the sector manager (social work lead) for safeguarding children.	
10.8.2	Does the Trust have an independent advocacy service for children and their families? Yes/No	Data Return 10
	<p>The Trust has developed a contract with Voice of Young People in Care (VOYPIC) to provide an independent advocacy service to children who are looked after by the Trust. Other independent advocacy services are provided by the Law Centre, the Children’s Law Centre and the NI Commission for Children and Young People.</p> <p>Within the Regional Secure Care Centre, NIACRO provide an independent representation service directly to the young people.</p>	
10.8.3	Please confirm arrangements are in place to ensure that all complaints – both formal and informal – from children and their families are recorded and dealt with?	Data Return 10
	<p>The Trust has a comprehensive complaints procedure for all complaints which is available and accessible for children and their families. Information leaflets on how to make a complaint or representation under the Children’s Order requirements is provided for children and families.</p> <p>Children and families receive information on how to make complaints about the services they receive. All complaints are referred to the Trust’s Complaints department who record and monitor themes, trends, issues and timescales of responsibilities to complaints.</p> <p>Weekly reports are provided to the Director of Children’s Services. A lessons learned group has been established which reviews complaints and identifies improvement plans from issues arising. This is a sub group of the Children’s Governance Committee. It is constituted from senior managers, principal practitioners, social care governance and learning, development and research staff. A service improvement initiative is being piloted to try and de-escalate complaints. This pilot is in its infancy and currently a mapping exercise is being undertaken.</p>	

10.8.4	Please confirm whistle-blowing arrangements are in place to ensure that concerns raised by staff working in children's services are recorded and dealt with?	Data Return 10
	The Trust has a whistle blowing policy which outlines how staff can raise concerns.	

