

**SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDRENS  
DIRECTED STATUTORY FUNCTIONS**

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND ASSURANCE  
REPORT**

**For Year end 31 March 2024**

**SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH &  
SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

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## **Introduction**

This is a performance management and assurance report on the discharge of delegated directed statutory functions and corporate parenting (CC3/02), within the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (the Trust) covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

This report provides assurance and analysis of the Trust's provision of delegated directed statutory functions across social care services. This report comprises of an executive summary, corporate parenting report and assurance reports across delegated social work service.

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# **Executive Summary**

## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1.1 **Executive Director of Social Work Statement of the Governance arrangements in place for safe and effective social work and social care services across the Trust**

The Trust as a corporate entity is responsible for the discharge of directed statutory functions delegated to it. Through the Chief Executive, the Executive Director of Social Work (EDSW) holds delegated responsibility for personal social services functions.

During this reporting period Mrs Lyn Preece was post holder of EDSW. Mrs Preece is a qualified social worker and is registered with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC) on Part 1 of the Register.

The EDSW is a member of the Trust Board and is accountable to the Chief Executive for compliance with legislative requirements and for ensuring that systems, processes and procedures are in place to effectively discharge directed statutory functions in respect of child care, mental health, disability, community care and in relation to the social work and social care workforce.

A professionally qualified social worker is employed at Director and/or Assistant Director level in all of the directorates undertaking statutory functions. This ensures accountability arrangements are clear and unambiguous.

Social work leads from across the Trust programmes of care and the assistant director of social work (ADSW) meet regularly with representatives from SPPG to review the action plan agreed as part of the annual review of the provision of delegated directed statutory functions and corporate parenting for 2023/24.

Robust governance arrangements are in place across all directorates ensuring continuous monitoring and improvements (where necessary) in all areas relating to delegated directed statutory functions and all regulatory requirements for relevant bodies.

The integration of sound governance systems has ensured opportunities for continuous audit and improvement activity.

The EDSW has ensured there is an unbroken line of professional accountability from social workers, through team managers and senior managers to the EDSW.

The EDSW has ensured that those managers who are responsible for the professional leadership of delegated directed statutory functions and the operational delivery of the service are professionally qualified social workers.

The EDSW is assisted by the ADSW who is responsible for ensuring the Trust implements appropriate social care governance arrangements. The post holder maintains responsibility for the regulation and development of

the workforce and quality assurance of the provision of delegated directed statutory functions.

Throughout this reporting period the Trust has sought to effectively discharge the directed delegated statutory functions across all directorates. Information presented in the individual directorate reports outlines performance management and assurance arrangements.

The Trust has fully co-operated with the RQIA in its discharge of its regulatory and inspectorial functions. Throughout the commentary contained in this report, reference is made to reviewing and reporting arrangements with the RQIA in relation to the provision of regulated services and the statutory duty of quality.

## **1.2 Statement of the Executive Director of Social Work's assessment of the Trust's performance in effectively and efficiently delivering directed delegated statutory functions during the reporting period**

The information contained in this report demonstrates the level of compliance against the discharge of directed statutory functions. All of the systems, processes, audits and evaluations undertaken in this reporting period clearly identify action plans to be taken forward into the next reporting period.

The EDSW acknowledges that the Trust has experienced a number of challenges in relation to the discharge of directed statutory functions within the context of significant workforce issues and the implementation of Encompass across all adult programmes. All issues are presented in detail in the body of the report. Some of the ongoing challenges in relation to the provision of care across social care and social work are as follows:

### **Workforce:**

The Trust experienced continued difficulties recruiting qualified social workers during this reporting period. The resultant pressures on the workforce, has impacted on the Trust's ability to discharge statutory requirements. The Trust engages at a regional level with the DoH to develop regional recruitment plans including a rolling recruitment programme, and fast track processes to recruit final year students into the workforce. This issue is documented on the Trust Corporate Risk Register.

### **Mental Capacity Act:**

Challenges with medical provision and clinical leadership across acute and community sectors have impacted on the Trust's ability to meet its full legislative responsibilities in relation to the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016. Similar to across the region, a reliance on the use of Emergency Provisions has continued. The Director of Adult Services and Prison Healthcare and the MCA Service senior management continue to engage fully with the Trust's Executive Management Team to ensure legislative compliance remains a priority.

### Approved Social Work (ASW)

A numbers of challenges has impacted on the ASW role during this reporting period. These include protracted waits, difficulties with interface working (PSNI and NIAS), RESWs handover, strike action and increased complexity and acuity.

### Encompass:

The Trust were the first regional body to go live with Encompass on 9th November 2023. Data returns produced for the DSF report have highlighted a number of issues with the accuracy of the data available from the current Encompass systems. The data validation issues have been highlighted with SPPG and a process of analysis and assurance completed to resolve the majority of queries that arose across individual and corresponding data sets. Within this reporting timeframe, the Trust cannot provide full assurance as to the accuracy of the data pertaining to the lines outlined in the table below.

Programme	Data Return
Primary Care and Older Peoples	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
Physical Disability	1.4, 2.2, 2.3
Learning Disability	1.1, 1.2, 1.4
Mental Health	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.3a
	1.1, 1.2, 1.3 (Acute)

The Trust continues to work with SPPG, Epic and Encompass during this stabilisation phase to identify and resolve system build issues to meet the Trusts specific data and reporting requirements.

The Trust are also working to identify any user input and recording errors and/or omissions that may have contributed to the data collection issues experienced on this occasion as well as sharing learning with regional colleagues to ease future integration with the system.

The report reflects the detail of all actions taken across all directorates to mitigate against challenges and to support to workforce in the delivery of the service and ensure the delegated directed statutory functions are met.

**Mrs Lyn Preece**

**Director of Children's Services &  
Executive Director of Social Work**

# **MENTAL HEALTH**

## 2.0 Adult Mental Health Services

### Adult Services and Prison Healthcare Directorate

#### 2.1 Named Officer responsible for professional Social Work

Yvonne Russell-Coyles is the mental health social work lead and the named officer for professional social work in mental health services.

Jackie Carr, is Interim Assistant Director for mental health services for older people (MHSOP) and the mental capacity act service (MCA). This has provided the opportunity for an unbroken line of professional accountability for social work.

As integration progresses between mental health and MHSOP/MCA services, the restructuring of senior management roles has commenced.

Please see organisational structures for mental health services and MHSOP/MCA on page 15&16.

#### 2.2 Please highlight key Social Work Workforce planning issues, including recruitment, retention and professional roles.

##### **Recruitment**

There are 2 social work (b6) posts in the recruitment process.

Mental health staff continue to utilise Trust and regional recruitment to reduce vacancy levels.

##### **Retention**

Learning from exit interviews, the service has implemented a wellbeing action plan focusing on retention of the workforce.

##### **Professional Roles**

##### ***Approved Social Work (ASW) role***

The Trust has secured funding to recruit to the ASW operational lead post on a permanent basis. This role has enabled the commencement of the ASW Hub. The introduction of better risk assessment, improved data collection and the introduction of Encompass have had implications with recording, however the ASW operational lead has worked around some of these difficulties. A key function for this lead role is to provide

support, advice and guidance to ASWs and hold ASW professional supervision.

There are 47 active ASWs, equating to 31wte. The ASW Regional Quality Standards identify that the Trust should have 42 wte ASWs by 2026. The Trust continues to be proactive in increasing numbers of ASWs through ongoing recruitment, access to ASW training places and workforce planning.

There are currently a numbers of challenges affecting ASW well-being and retention. These include protracted waits, difficulties with interface working (PSNI and NIAS), RESWs handover and increased complexity and acuity. Engagement and consultation with ASWs and Unions has led to the creation of an ASW Action Plan to address some of these challenges and implement the ASW Regional Standards. This includes the development of an ASW Hub, continual recruitment to the ASW course and rota, introduction of ASW Operational Lead role, supervision arrangements, a 5-9pm rota and improving networks and interagency working. Actions Short of Strike (ASOS) has reduced current ASWs on the rota by 20%, which has led to a number of occasions where demand outweighs capacity as ASOS also recommends ASWs need to do community assessments by 2 staff.

As the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act continues, the role of the ASW changes, and the ASW operational lead role has elements of MCA built into the job description to support this. The DOH have implemented legislation for a new ASW role under Direction 1 and the Trust has identified 7 persons to complete the training to fulfil this role.

Over the last year, there has been an increase in MHO/MCA interface, both in wards and community, with an increased number of queries from GPs in relation to the use of MCA. The ASW Hub has been proactive in supporting community colleagues with short-term detention authorisations commencing in the community and pathways being developed.

#### ***Adult mental health specialist DAPO role***

The Trust have a specialist Mental Health DAPO. The role involves coordinating adult protection investigations, carrying out quality improvement reviews, and having a substantial role in educating staff and ensuring overall good governance.

The mental health DAPO continues to oversee all level 2 referrals once triaged through the adult protection gateway team (APGT).

The mental health DAPO is undertaking early indicator audits within the inpatient wards to identify areas of risk and develop action plans to

ensure compliance with standards. Safeguarding representatives have been identified in all services and this data is captured monthly. The governance around completion of safeguarding paperwork and processes continues to be reviewed, which has improved quality and maintains a minimum level of governance around vulnerable adults.

### **Encompass**

The introduction of Encompass impacted on working practice for a short period, while staff adapted to the new system.

## **2.3 Supervision arrangements for social workers**

The supervision audit undertaken in March 2024 demonstrated that mental health social work services are not fully compliant with the regional supervision framework reaching 71% compliance. There is recognition that there are newer line managers in post who require a training update on the social work standards. The social work lead is organising an information session for all team leaders and social work supervisors to ensure better compliance.

During this period, there has been a significant increase in the number of social work and ASW staff attending their professional forums.

## **2.4 Please provide an update on the robustness of the data provided in this report and any data assurances processes in relation to it.**

Data return 1.1 – mental health services receive referrals for assessments, which can be carried out by social work, nurse practitioners or OT's. The Trust has worked out the number of assessments based on the percentage of social work workforce within mental health services (36%).

The Encompass system went live in November 2023 and some parts of the system still need to be built and/or developed, particularly around community services, to enable accurate data to be collated. The Trust still needs to refer to the old Maxims system on occasion. Some manual systems remain, such as Excel spreadsheets.

**2.5 Programme of Care to advise of numbers of any significant judgements and/or decisions derived from Serious Adverse Incidents, Case Management Reviews, Mental Health Review Tribunals, Judicial Reviews, Audits or RQIA Inspection and/or Review activity *completed* during the reporting period, that directly relates to the Trusts discharge of their statutory functions.**

	<b>Number</b>
<i>Serious Adverse Incidents</i>	19
<i>Domestic Homicide Reviews</i>	0
<i>Case Management Reviews</i>	0
<i>Mental Health Review Tribunals</i>	34
<i>Judicial Reviews</i>	0
<i>Audits</i>	0
<i>RQIA Inspections</i>	3
<i>RQIA Enforcement notices – Failure To Comply Notices</i>	0

### **Serious Adverse Incidents**

A thematic review of SAIs has highlighted the lack of service for those people with a diagnosis of ADHD. 5 deaths by suicide have occurred whilst people have been on waiting lists. There is currently no service provision other than diagnostic. The Consultant Psychiatrists are monitoring the prescribing of medication for this client group.

### **Datix**

Increased scrutiny is occurring within the ASW service with Datix reports completed when there are difficulties in delivery of the service, handover to RESWS, bed pressures and conveyancing.

### **Audits**

The audit of care management within the Trust received partial compliance in some areas and a number of recommendations were relevant to mental health services. The database that was designed by Adult MH Services is able to contemporaneously report on compliance of annual review standards. Currently Adult MH Services are sitting at 93% compliance.

### **RQIA Inspections**

The Trust's 3 supported living schemes have had RQIA inspections.

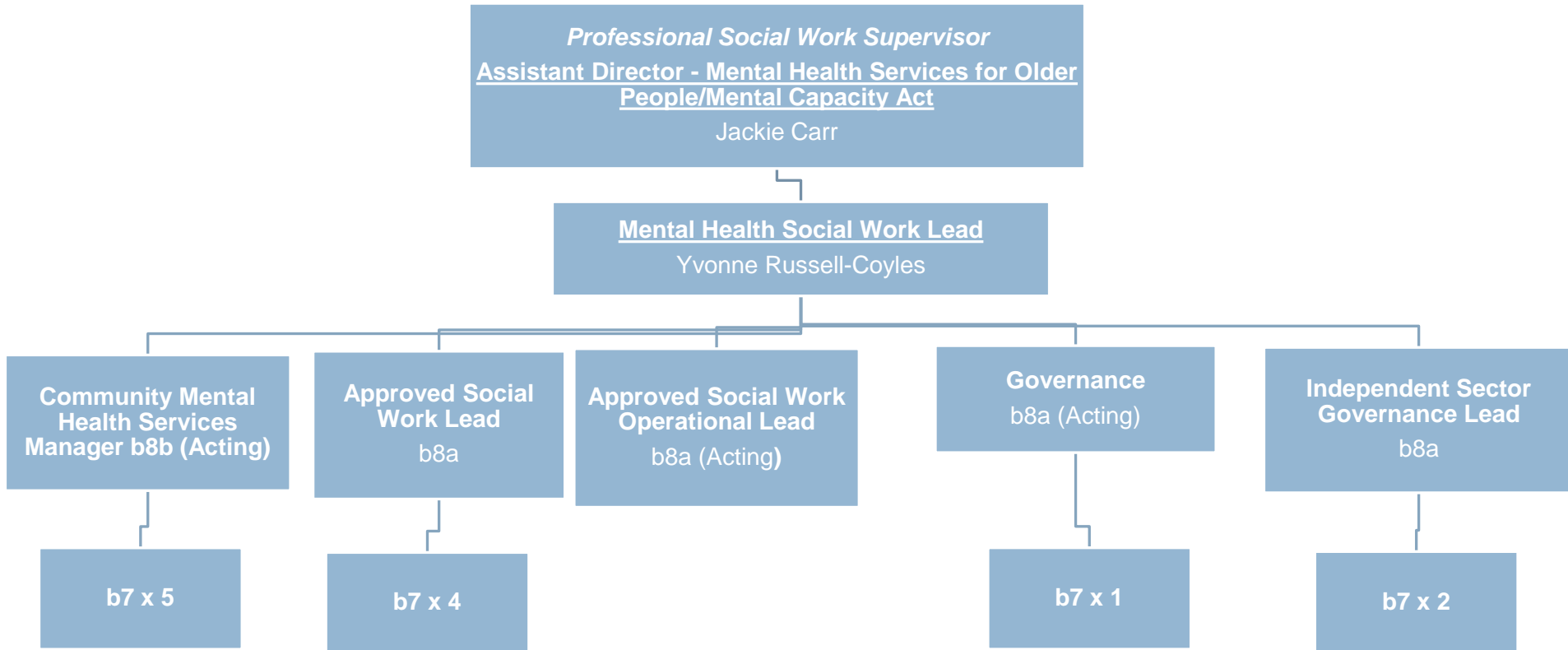
There has been a quality improvement plan completed by one of the schemes around training records which has been achieved.

## 2.6 Discharge of Directed Statutory Functions

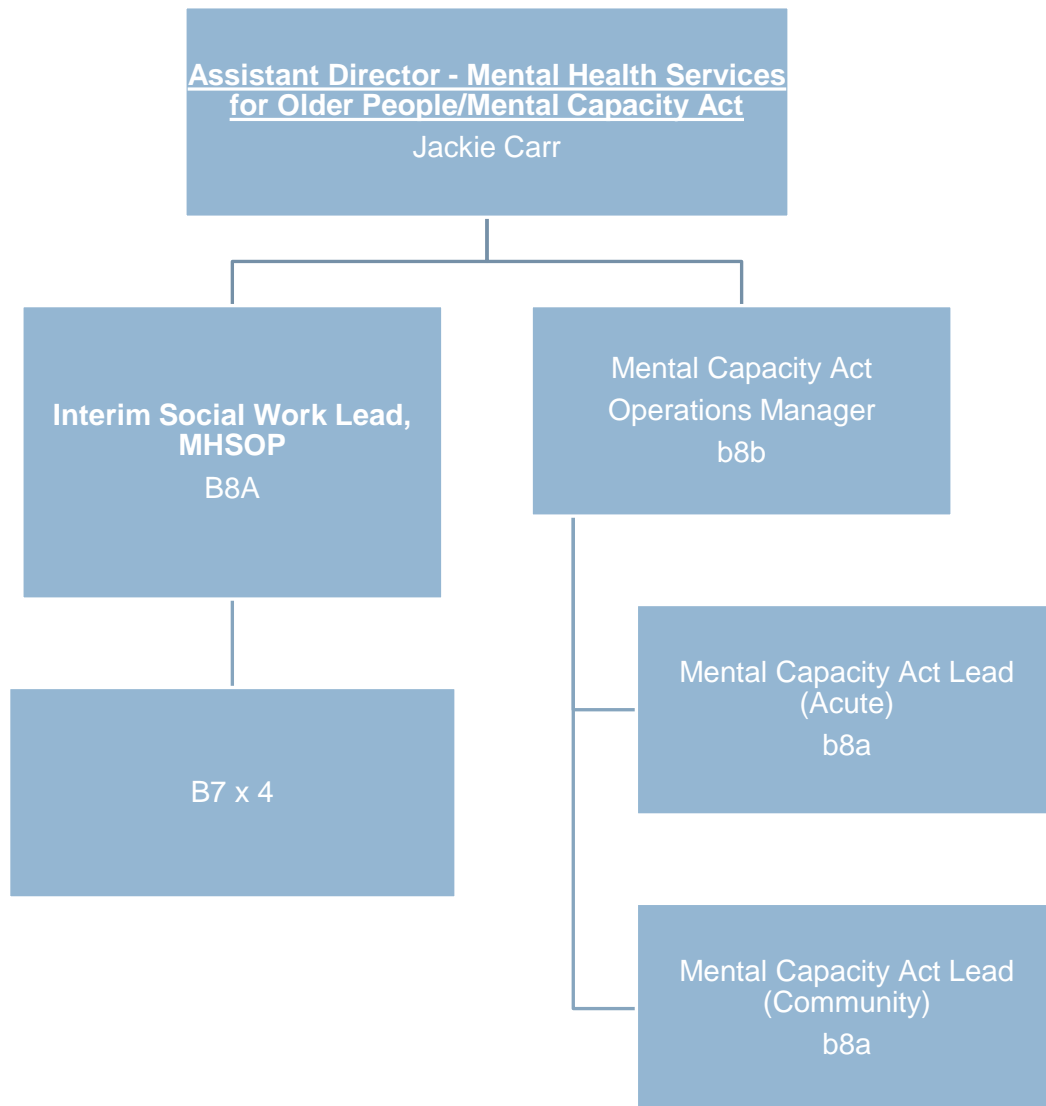
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Summary of areas where the Trust has not adequately discharged their Directed Statutory Functions for this Programme of Care.</b>	<b>Please outline remedial action taken to address this situation and any proposed future action.</b>
	<b>Mental health Issues</b>	
	<p>There continues to be a number of difficulties impacting on the Trust ability to fulfil their statutory role in relation to ASW role:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of MH beds – this continues to be a regional difficulty. Within the Trust the average bed capacity is 110%.</li> <li>• RESWs are currently engaging in strike action and this is impacting on their availability to take handovers at 5pm.</li> <li>• Interface Working – at times there is difficulty accessing PSNI and/or NIAS and there can be challenges fulfilling the conveyancing role. This often puts service users, families and ASWs at increased risk</li> <li>• ASOS (Action short of Strike) commenced in the Trust in October 2023. This is ongoing with no</li> </ul>	<p>Each year within ASW services we continue to identify challenges and have listened to concerns directly from ASWs and union reps. There is an ASW action plan which is reviewed and updated every 6 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASW managers have been proactive in linking with bed flow by attending daily bed pressure meeting and advocating where necessary for service users detained under the MHO.</li> <li>• In view of strike action, ASOS and depleted services the Trust engages in daily RESWs huddle to improve communication and discuss possible handovers. Also there is an identified need to have regular meetings with RESW management to discuss specific issues and challenges. Regionally there has been training and development of D1 ASW role.</li> <li>• The Trust interagency group has been re-convened in April 2024. This issue has also been discussed regionally with SPPG and DOH and ASW leads. Another action is to encourage ASWs to complete Datix were there are issues to determine themes and issues.</li> <li>• ASW management have improved consultation with ASWs and provided increased support and regular supervision. Also there are</li> </ul>

	<p>identified end date. This has impact on adequate cover on the ASW rota and at times there are no ASWs available to respond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acuity and Complexity – there is ongoing difficulty with increased acuity and the overlap between MCA and MHO. On a number of occasions people assessed under the MHO need medical attention and are brought to the Emergency Department (ED).</li> <li>• GP – ongoing challenges accessing GPs. Some areas have no NILES arrangements</li> </ul>	<p>regular meetings with ASW managers, union reps and HR to discuss issues and change processes. An action plan is being put in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased links with ED re pathways and best practice. Regular meeting with ASW/MCA team as move towards further implementation of MCA. Identified training needs re MHO/MCA planned with ASWs and community teams.</li> <li>• Working with acute staff/ED re guidance re MHO and sharing of protocol re accessing GP</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mental Capacity Issues</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges with medical provision and clinical leadership across Acute and Community sectors have impacted on the Trust’s ability to meet its full legislative responsibilities in relation to the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016. Similar to across the region, a reliance on the use of Emergency Provisions has continued.</li> </ul>	<p>The Director of Adult Services and Prison Healthcare and the MCA Service senior management continue to engage fully with the Trust’s Executive Management Team to ensure legislative compliance remains a priority.</p> <p>Further actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Workstream meetings.</li> <li>• Bespoke training offered for all new and existing relevant medical staff.</li> <li>• Audit of compliance with training and MCA activity.</li> <li>• Flexible recruitment opportunities offered and reviewed on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>• Regional focus, supported by DOH, to achieve a solution ongoing at present</li> </ul>

Mental Health - Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart



Mental Health Services for Older People - Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart



# **ADULT PHYSICAL DISABILITY**

### **3.0 Adult Physical Disability**

#### **Adult Services and Prison Health Care**

##### **3.1 Named Officer responsible for professional Social Work**

The named officer responsible for professional social work is Clare McStay, Assistant Director. This was an interim post until May 2023 when she became the substantive post holder.

Teresa McKee was appointed as the substantive operations manager (b8b) from November 2023.

All team leader posts (b7) are now permanently recruited to.

Please see organisational structure on page 22.

##### **3.2 Please highlight key Social Work Workforce planning issues, including recruitment, retention and professional roles.**

Physical and sensory disability services utilise the regional recruitment process, however there are currently no vacant posts within the service.

A robust induction and training programme is in place to assist with staff retention.

##### **Encompass**

The introduction of Encompass impacted on working practice for a short period, while staff adapted to the new system.

##### **3.3 Supervision arrangements for social workers**

The 2023/2024 supervision audit demonstrated that physical disability services are fully compliant with the regional supervision framework.

##### **3.4 Please provide an update on the robustness of the data provided in this report and any data assurances processes in relation to it.**

Adult Disability Services has historically relied on manual data collection. The timing of the implementation of the Encompass system has resulted in a dual system of data collection for the period 2023/2024, having a negative impact on reliability.

Gaps in tools and content within the system combined with a lack of education for staff around operational reporting, has significantly impacted on the reliability of any data.

Adult disability services has quality assured the data provided as far as possible, however recognise that there will be discrepancies.

Disability services are liaising with Encompass colleagues to determine the further historical manual data migration required in order to support accurate and reliable reporting in the future. The learning from this will be shared with colleagues in other Trust's to support their implementation. In conjunction with this, the service is also resuming work on the implementation of centralised electronic data sources to support governance and assurance for data relating to delegated statutory functions until the Encompass system is validated.

**3.5 Programme of Care to advise of numbers of any significant judgements and/or decisions derived from Serious Adverse Incidents, Case Management Reviews, Mental Health Review Tribunals, Judicial Reviews, Audits or RQIA Inspection and/or Review activity *completed* during the reporting period, that directly relates to the Trusts discharge of their statutory functions (please complete table below).**

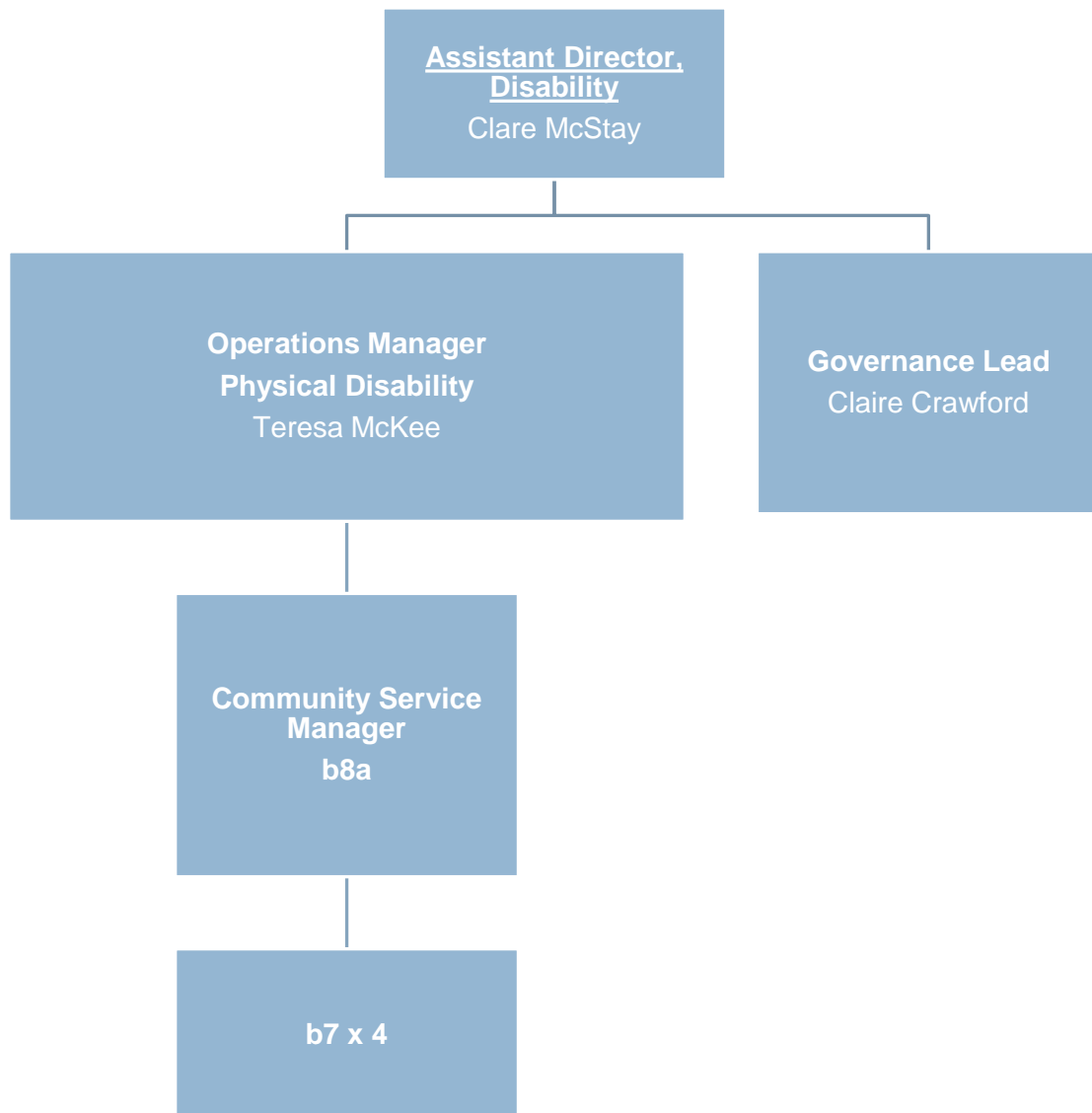
	<b><i>Number</i></b>
<i>Serious Adverse Incidents</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Domestic Homicide Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Case Management Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mental Health Review Tribunals</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Judicial Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Audits</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>RQIA Inspections</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>RQIA Enforcement notices – Failure To Comply Notices</i>	<i>0</i>

### 3.6 Discharge of Directed Statutory Functions

3.6	<p><b>Summary of areas where the Trust has not adequately discharged their Directed Statutory Functions for this Programme of Care.</b></p>	<p><b>Please outline remedial action taken to address this situation and any proposed future action.</b></p>
	<p><b>Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Issues</b></p>	
	<p><u>Unable to meet the assessed need of service users of physical disability services due to lack of appropriate services, including supported living and care home placements.</u></p> <p>Difficulty accessing appropriate placements, particularly those with complex needs.</p> <p>Physical disability service users continue to have limited choice of living options including domiciliary care, supported living, interim care beds, care home placements.</p> <p>This also significantly impacts children transitioning to adult services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complex care panel being introduced to support those who wish to remain living at home.</li> <li>• Use of the self-directed support framework to create bespoke individual plans.</li> <li>• Individual business cases to be completed as and when required.</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Lack of clinical care pathway for service users of physical disability services with complex health needs</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of complex clinical care pathways for both adults and children to be completed.</li> <li>• Review of delegated tasks to be completed.</li> </ul>

<p><u>Lack of domiciliary care services to meet the assessed need of service users of physical disability services</u></p> <p>Continued challenges in commissioning domiciliary care packages as the demand is significantly outweighing supply. Following assessment of need, the Trust is unable to secure domiciliary care packages, and this can result in service users experiencing delayed discharge from hospital, being placed in a care home against their choice, or living at risk in their own home without sufficient care and support services. In addition, there is a current lack of availability of Interim Care Beds in order to discharge service users from hospital in a timely manner.</p> <p>At the end of this reporting period, the number of service users within physical disability waiting for full and part care packages was 28.</p>	<p>Physical disability service to utilise encompass reporting system on a weekly basis to monitor requests for domiciliary care packages via the brokerage system, which will provide assurance of the need and prioritisation of requests</p>
<p><u>Noncompliance completing annual reviews for service users within the physical and sensory disability service area</u></p> <p>A number of annual reviews have not been completed within the required time scales</p>	<p>A live database will be introduced for each team which will indicate the date each annual review is due, highlighting any overdue reviews and the associated time frame. This will enable ongoing targeted action to increase compliance.</p>
<p><u>Lack of agreed regional pathway for the assessment and treatment of individuals with alcohol related brain injury and the provision of appropriate services including access to specialised care homes</u></p>	<p>Regional agreement required on an appropriate pathway and commissioning of beds.</p>

Adult Physical Disability - Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart



# **ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY**

## 4.0 Adult Learning Disability

### Adult Services & Prison Healthcare

#### 4.1 Named Officer responsible for professional Social Work

The named officer responsible for professional social work is Clare McStay, Assistant Director. This was an interim post until May 2023 when she became the substantive post holder.

In the last reporting period, the restructure of adult disability services was completed with the learning disability service now having direct lines of accountability. All senior management posts have been recruited to on a permanent basis (assistant director, operations manager and 2 team lead posts recruited).

1 wte team leader (b7) post remains vacant, with a further recruitment process underway.

Please see organisational structure on page 32.

#### 4.2 Please highlight key Social Work Workforce planning issues, including recruitment, retention and professional roles.

##### Recruitment

In this reporting period there has been an increase in vacant social work posts, currently 9.48 wte b6 posts. Bespoke recruitment has filled 7.28 of these posts with regional recruitment being utilised to fill the remaining vacancies.

Given the level of vacancies across b6/7 posts over this reporting period, workforce was placed on the directorate risk register. A contingency plan has been actioned to maintain safe and effective care. This has included support from other members of the senior management team.

##### Professional roles

In recognition of the need to enhance the support and governance arrangements for community learning disability teams, 3 new senior practitioner (b7) posts have been created and are being recruited to.

As a result of the increasing complexity of cases, the Down sector reconfigured an assistant care manager (b5) post to increase social work hours.

In conjunction with colleagues from the Learning and Improvement Team, senior managers are reviewing the local induction programme

and the need for a targeted programme of training and support for all b7 posts.

A review of all Standard Operating Procedures has commenced to support the maintenance of the professional social work role within teams.

### **CORU**

Teams have identified staff requiring registration with CORU and work is ongoing to progress these applications.

### **Encompass**

The introduction of Encompass impacted on working practice for a short period, while staff adapted to the new system.

## **4.3 Supervision arrangements for social workers**

The 2023/24 supervision audit demonstrated that 2 out of 3 sectors are compliant with the Regional Supervision Framework.

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Compliant</b>
Down	Yes
Lisburn	Yes
North Down & Ards	No

Vacancy and sickness at team lead level impacted on supervision in the North Down & Ards sector. Group and peer supervision has been utilised to provide operational support with professional supervision being offered by colleagues from the Learning and Improvement Team.

Recruitment is in process for the vacant post and an interim action plan has been developed to ensure compliance.

## **4.4 Please provide an update on the robustness of the data provided in this report and any data assurances processes in relation to it.**

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	<i>Number</i>
<i>Serious Adverse Incidents</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Domestic Homicide Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Case Management Reviews</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mental Health Review Tribunals</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Judicial Reviews</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Audits</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>RQIA Inspections</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>RQIA Enforcement notices – Failure To Comply Notices</i>	<i>0</i>

One case management review was completed in relation to the discharge and care planning arrangements for a service user being discharged from a mental health inpatient ward. This identified concerns with the interface between the various agencies and departments involved. As a result an interagency serious adverse incident review is commencing.

One ongoing Judicial Review process in relation to a service user living within an independent sector facility. This has resulted in a formal mediation process with the family. Following this RQIA have initiated an investigation into arrangements for the monitoring of quality, safety and effectiveness of care, within residential learning disability services in the South Eastern and the Belfast Trust areas.

7 RQIA inspections resulted in quality improvement plans which have all been implemented.

## 4.6 Discharge of Directed Statutory Functions

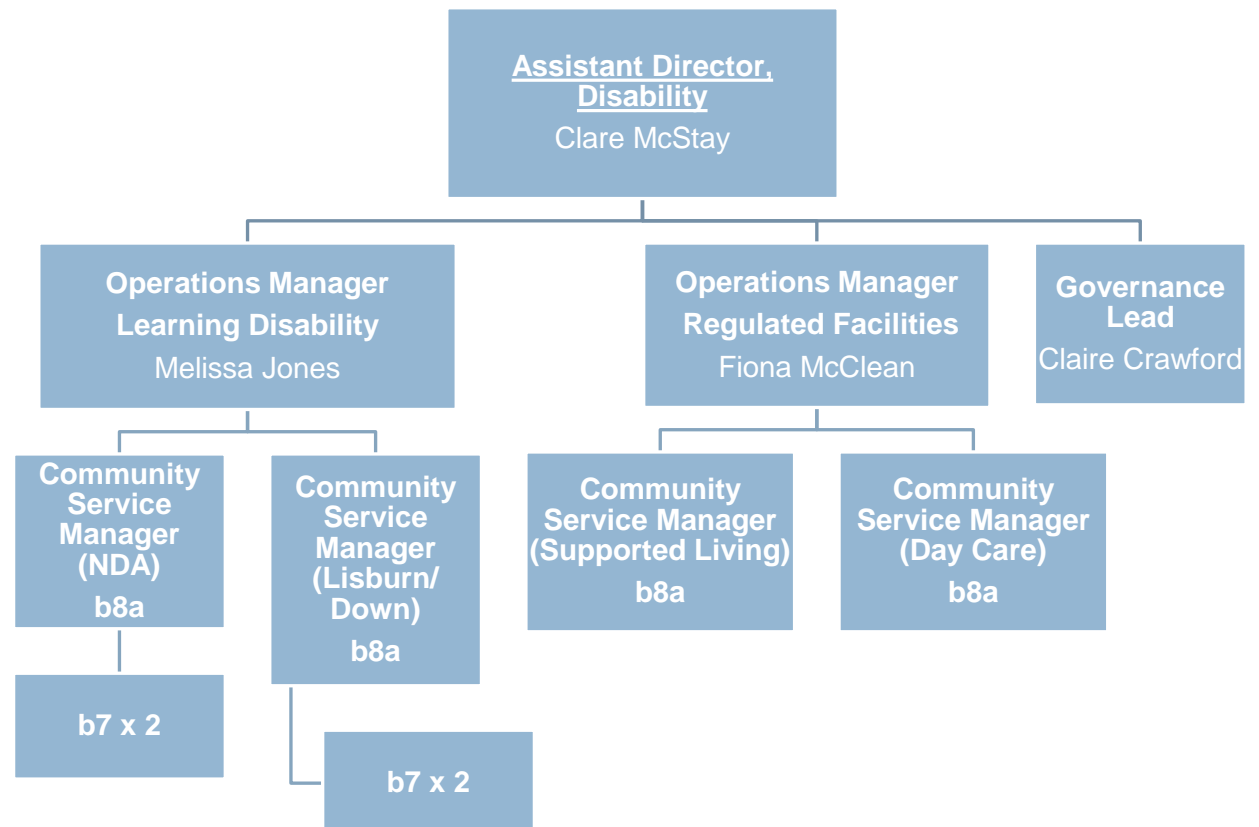
<b>4.6</b>	<b>Summary of areas where the Trust has not adequately discharged their Directed Statutory Functions for this Programme of Care.</b>	<b>Please outline remedial action taken to address this situation and any proposed future action.</b>
	<b>Learning Disability Issues</b>	
	<p><b>Outstanding Annual Reviews / Care and Support Plans</b></p> <p><b>Reduction in the completion of Carers Assessments</b></p> <p>This remains an area of significant challenge for Learning Disability Services as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant vacancies within band 6 staff</li> <li>• Long term sickness and vacancies within band 7 staff</li> <li>• Ongoing, significant crisis management as a result of a lack of access to inpatient beds for people with learning disability who present with severe mental health episodes</li> <li>• Significant crisis management as a result of placement breakdown and ceasing of contracts within the independent sector</li> <li>• Impact of the implementation of MCA legislation</li> <li>• The implementation of the Encompass system has created a significant downturn for community learning disability teams. All service users now require assessments / care and support plans and reviews to be completed in new formats on the system. This requires a significant time commitment which is further</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment processes completed with the majority of vacant posts (b6 and 7) being offered</li> <li>• A review of all dormant cases was completed and where appropriate closure plans were implemented.</li> <li>• A full audit of the current status of annual reviews and carers assessments has commenced, to provide full baseline information. A RAG rated action plan will be created following the completion of the audit to increase compliance.</li> <li>• A review of current caseloads to be completed and where appropriate closure plans to be implemented.</li> <li>• A live database will be introduced for each team which will indicate the date each annual review is due, highlighting any overdue reviews and the associated time frame. This will enable ongoing targeted action to increase compliance.</li> </ul>

	<p>compounded by the impact of substantial new learning for staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The live database will be used to create a performance dashboard which will be reviewed with the senior management team at the monthly governance meeting.</li> <li>• Additional resource was implemented within community learning disability teams to support the implementation of MCA legislation. From March 2024 community learning disability teams will no longer be responsible for the completion of reviews within the process, resulting in increased capacity within the teams.</li> <li>• Fortnightly Encompass staff meetings held to support learning and issue resolution.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Resettlement of patients from Muckamore Abbey Hospital</b></p> <p>Four of the six remaining inpatients have community placements identified. The complexity of their presenting needs require specialised, bespoke services and support which has taken significant time to commission. However discharge is planned to take place in line the agreed June deadline.</p> <p>Despite a number of engagement events with independent providers, the remaining two inpatients do not currently have an identified community placement. This is the result of their complex, specialised needs, which for one inpatient includes significant forensic needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued participation within the regional resettlement programme.</li> <li>• Dedicated resettlement lead to implement the agreed transition plans for inpatients in conjunction with families and carers.</li> <li>• Individualised bespoke contingency plans in place to support the remaining two service users until bespoke community placements are finalised.</li> <li>• Continued liaison and engagement with independent sector providers to commission bespoke community placements.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Access to inpatient beds for people with a learning disability who present with mental health issues</b></p> <p>Inability to admit individuals for assessment and treatment to the regional inpatient hospital at Muckamore has resulted in a number of individuals being admitted to mental health wards. This has necessitated a significant transfer of staff resource from community teams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situation currently escalated within the Trust corporate risk register</li> <li>• 1 bed commissioned for Trust service users within the Northern Trust</li> <li>• Business case submitted for a 3 bed inpatient ward within Trust – awaiting outcome.</li> <li>• Business case submitted for a 6 bed community assessment and treatment unit.</li> <li>• Additional resource provided for community intensive support services to reduce the risk of community / placement breakdown.</li> <li>• Review of arrangements for a step up/ step down bed within the community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lack of access to Community Independent sector placements</b></p> <p>Difficulties for the independent sector in the recruitment and retention of staff is negatively impacting on the availability of community placements for children’s transfers and those in the community with complex needs. This has resulted in a number of contracts being handed back to the Trust, resulting in short breaks being reduced to provide emergency placements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider engagement events established to support the commissioning of bespoke community placements for those with complex needs.</li> <li>• Review of the children’s transition process ongoing.</li> <li>• Alternative arrangements for short breaks being scoped.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adult Protection Investigations</b></p> <p>A review of a subject access request relating to adult safeguarding investigations was completed within a community learning disability team. This highlighted that there were gaps in the compliance with the regional adult safeguarding procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional resource has been secured to introduce 3 senior practitioner roles and recruitment is in progress. these roles will assume the DAPO function, creating a more targeted, specialist response.</li> </ul>

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In conjunction with the Trust's Adult Protection Gateway Team an accountability/governance checklist will be completed with all DAPO's and IO's for each stage of the process.</li><li>• An audit of core team adult protection investigations to be completed for learning disability services. This will be followed by a shared learning session to support staff in increasing compliance with the procedures.</li><li>• RQIA have initiated an investigation into arrangements for the monitoring of quality, safety and effectiveness of care, within residential learning disability services in the Trust.</li></ul> |
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## Adult Learning Disability - Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart



# **PRIMARY CARE & OLDER PEOPLE**

## 5.0 Primary Care & Older Peoples Services

### 5.1 Named Officer responsible for professional social work

The named officer responsible for professional social work services is Joanna Burns, Assistant Director, Primary Care & Older People's Services.

There remains an unbroken line of professional accountability for social work.

From October 2023 the service was reconfigured with an additional social work senior operations manager.

There are no vacancies at team lead (b7) or above within the services.

Please see organisational structure on page 41.

### 5.2 Please highlight key Social Work Workforce planning issues, including recruitment, retention and professional roles.

#### Social work vacancies:

Service	Vacant posts
Community social work	1.5 wte
Hospital social work	5 wte & 2 x 0.5 wte
Short term assessment team	4 wte
Care home support team	5 wte
Total	16.5 wte

The regional social work recruitment process is utilised for social work vacancies, however, it continues to present challenges due to the limited supply of social workers and lack of uptake of ongoing vacancy alerts. The service has been compliant with the cessation of agency social workers and has used corporate bank staff, EOIs and temporary posts to fill vacancies while awaiting the outcome of prolonged formal recruitment processes.

#### Social care vacancies:

Service	Vacant posts
Domiciliary care services	64 x 0.8 wte b3 32 North Down area 23 Lisburn area 9 Downpatrick area
Residential facilities	14 wte b2 care assistant 1 wte senior care assistant (b5)

Day care	1.66 wte (Towerview) 2.33 wte (Bayview) Recruitment progressing
Supported living	2 wte (Cuan Court) 2.93 wte (Ravara Court)

Action taken to recruit to vacant social care posts:

- Recruitment had been extremely challenging for statutory residential facilities, with on-going recruitment required to maintain minimum staffing levels within facilities.
- Domiciliary care operates a rolling recruitment programme, however, the number of successful candidates is routinely lower than the number of vacant posts.
- The process for social care recruitment is protracted, often leading to a reduction in the number of staff starting in post as compared to the number successful at interview.
- All services have now ceased their use of social care agency staff since October 2023. Services use bank staff or additional hours to fill the gaps in staffing whilst posts are recruited to.

### **Workforce Planning:**

Workforce issues within the community teams coupled with high caseloads, action short of strike and sick leave added to the difficulties experienced by staff as they tried to provide a quality service to service users.

Sickness absence has been primarily due to work related stress and work pressures, and has affected all grades of staff. Of particular significance is the current absence of 2 wte team leads who have been off on sick leave since October 2023.

Hospital social work teams were able to fill vacancies with newly qualified social workers however this caused additional stressors as these staff cannot undertake the full range of MCA work until they have completed their AYE.

The Care Home Support Team remained on the Directorate Risk Register, due to significant vacancies (62.5%) in the Down & Lisburn sector were significant for the service. Positively for the team, the senior management positions have been appointed and new permanent staff are being recruited.

The Adult Protection Gateway Team (APGT) faced workforce challenges for much of the reporting period. The impact of 3 wte vacancies until March 2024, and an increase in activity for the team from referrals and MARAC, led to significant pressure on the team members to maintain duty and progress cases in a timely manner.

It is envisaged that the demands on the APTG will continue to increase, evidenced in the rise of referrals year on year. Therefore the on-going

focus in adult protection will be maintaining service continuity and ensuring the resilience, visibility, and accessibility of the service.

#### **Professional Roles:**

The workforce and workload pressures that have been evident in the community teams during the reporting period have prompted the need for a thorough review of the community teams with aim of reducing work related stress and pressure, and to provide the teams with support and good governance when team leads are absent. A planned management of change process will review the staffing complement and structure within teams.

#### **Encompass**

The introduction of Encompass impacted on working practice for a short period, while staff adapted to the new system.

### **5.3 Supervision arrangements for social workers**

In this reporting period the services within Primary Care and Older People have not been fully compliant with the regional supervision framework. Compliance in this reporting period has been affected by staff shortages (vacancies or sick leave), and the introduction of Encompass in November 2023.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Compliance rate</b>
Down & Lisburn community team	87%
North Down & Ards community team	92%
Adult protection gateway team	100%
Ulster Hospital team	89%
Lagan Valley & Down hospital team	90%

Where compliance was affected by vacancies/sick leave and Encompass, measures were put in place to address this, for example, informal daily support, group supervision and opportunities for individual support where required.

**5.4 Please provide an update on the robustness of the data provided in this report and any data assurances processes in relation to it.**

The introduction of Encompass has been the biggest operational and professional challenge of 2023/24.

Due to difficulties sourcing required information and reports from the early adoption of Encompass, teams have had to provide information from manual databases that they have retained. This has meant that it is not possible to quality assure, with accuracy, the data in this report.

In some areas it is evident that there is under reporting due to errors in available data, however, it has not been possible to cross reference the information provided manually with the Encompass system.

The Encompass system to date is unable to deliver the data required for reporting and governance. There are ongoing workflow issues, build issues and general issues that come with embedding a new system across a large organisation.

For the next reporting period it is expected that Encompass will provide the majority of data reports required, though at the moment, it is unclear at what point this will be the case. In the meantime, where possible, teams are continuing to record data manually.

**5.5 Programme of Care to advise of numbers of any significant judgements and/or decisions derived from Serious Adverse Incidents, Case Management Reviews, Mental Health Review Tribunals, Judicial Reviews, Audits or RQIA Inspection and/or Review activity *completed* during the reporting period, that directly relates to the Trusts discharge of their statutory functions**

	<i>Number</i>
<i>Serious Adverse Incidents</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Domestic Homicide Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Case Management Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mental Health Review Tribunals</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Judicial Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Audits</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>RQIA Inspections</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>RQIA Enforcement notices – Failure To Comply Notices</i>	<i>0</i>

### **Serious Adverse Incidents**

4 of the SAIs investigated during 2023/24 related to choking incidents in care homes. 3 investigations are concluded with 1 ongoing. All recommendations have been implemented with the Trust taking forward dissemination of shared learning from these incidents within social worker teams, provider and independent governance forums.

There are 2 outstanding SAI investigations: decision making within adult protection case and care for a resident who fell and subsequently passed away.

### **RQIA Inspections (statutory care homes)**

An unannounced care inspection (Drumlough House) identified an area of improvement in relation to assurance of meetings with service users. This has been actioned.

An unannounced care inspection (Laurelhill House) identified 4 areas of improvement including pre-employment checks, mandatory training compliance, audits of care practises and action plans implemented. All areas have been actioned

An unannounced care inspection (Mt Alexander House) identified 5 areas of improvement including auditing of work processes, pre-employment checks, mandatory training compliance, reviewing of care records and displaying activity programme. All areas actioned.

An unannounced care inspection (Newcroft Lodge) identified 5 areas of improvement in relation to recording and completion of post falls documentation, pre-employment checks and secure storage of records.

### **RQIA Inspections (Day Care)**

An unannounced inspection to Bayview Day Centre identified 2 areas for improvement in relation to monitoring report template and review of actions by monitoring officer. Both have been addressed.

### **RQIA Inspections (Supported Living Facilities)**

An unannounced inspection to Cedar Court identified governance reporting system issues. All area actioned.

### **BSO Internal Audit**

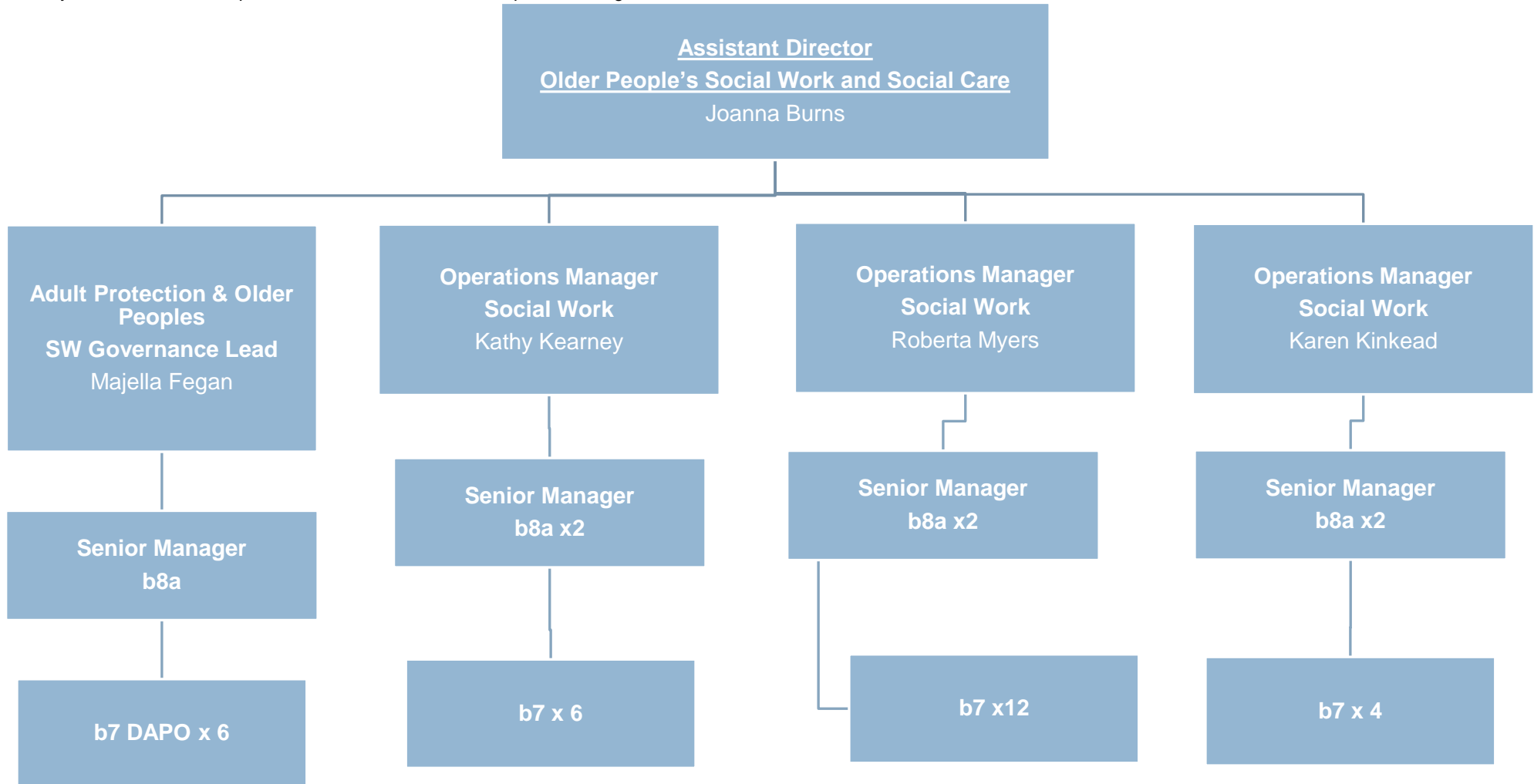
Domiciliary Care Assessment Process (Patient Flow). Recommendations in process of being finalised, and the Trust achieved satisfactory level from this audit.



### 5.6 Discharge of Directed Statutory Functions

5.6	<p><b>Summary of areas where the Trust has not adequately discharged their Directed Statutory Functions for this Programme of Care.</b></p>	<p><b>Please outline remedial action taken to address this situation and any proposed future action.</b></p>
	<p><b>Older People &amp; Adults Issues</b></p>	
	<p>Data Quality Issues since the introduction of Encompass, particularly affecting regional reporting for complex discharges, and Intermediate Care regional reporting</p> <p>Day to Day operational processes affected by Encompass workflow issues and build issues. All build changes require regional agreement which creates a delay, and therefore an issue, for operational teams who are currently 'live' on Encompass</p> <p>Care Management Annual Review compliance was affected in this reporting period by the introduction of Encompass and due to staffing issues – vacant posts &amp; sick leave</p> <p>Community Teams achieving 71% compliance</p> <p>Care Home Support Team achieving 83% compliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement sessions with Epic/Encompass to try to resolve build and data issues Temporary 'work arounds' in place and manual processes have remained in place where necessary Issues escalated within Trust, and SPPG regularly kept updated regarding issues</li>   <li>• Manual accountability framework in place for the capture of care management annual review compliance, managed by community team leads and senior managers.</li> </ul>

Primary Care and Older People - Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart



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# **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CARE SERVICES**

## 6.0 Children and Young People's Care Services

### Children's Services and Social Work

#### 6.1 Named Officer responsible for professional Social Work

The named officers responsible for professional social work are Marie-Louise Sloan and Maurice Largey.

There remains an unbroken line of professional accountability.

Marie-Louise Sloan, Assistant Director, has responsibility for Lakewood Regional Secure Care Centre, Residential and Leaving & Aftercare Services. Maurice Largey continued as Assistant Director for Children with Disabilities, Fostering, Permanence & Adoption Services.

The Trust has appointed a permanent Head of Service to Lakewood Regional Secure Care Centre and the post will commence in April 2024.

Please see organisational structures for each service on page 51-52.

#### 6.2 Please highlight key Social Work Workforce planning issues, including recruitment, retention and professional roles.

##### Recruitment

There have been fluctuating vacancies across all services and the Trust continues to be pro-active in securing additional social work staff through recruitment drives and regional recruitment processes.

The senior management team has engaged in analysis of workforce planning across services, with a view to ensuring timely recruitment and consideration of skill mix to meet needs.

##### Regional Secure Care Centre (Lakewood)

The social work vacancy across the service at reporting end is 14%. There continues to be a deficit in the skills mix staff need to support young people with a diagnosis of learning disability, autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The senior management team are currently working with SPPG to conclude a commissioning framework for Lakewood which will clearly set out the remit, staffing complement and finance allocation required moving forward.

The Trust have funded a number of pivotal posts at risk on a temporary basis to address part deficit. The Trust have agreed an allocation of £400000 from deficit funding to recruit 9 permanent posts which will stabilise the team and reduce the level of dependency on

bank/overtime to meet safe staffing requirements. 6 of these posts have been appointed. A permanent head of service will be in post from April 2024.

### **Children's Disability Services**

The services capacity to deliver upon its delegated statutory functions was significantly impeded by patterns of heightened vacancy and sickness rates. This was particularly conspicuous in the Down sector where vacancy rates fluctuated between 50% and 100% throughout the period. In relation to the residential service provision the Trust committed an additional £650000 to enable the development of a new staff team to open a new short breaks home for children with severe learning disabilities.

### **Residential Services**

In this reporting period a workforce paper has been forwarded to the Department of Health for review and is being considered by Children's Services Reform Board.

The residential homes have progressed b4 and 5 recruitment in line with delivering a skills mix in residential care. The current vacancy rate across residential care is 46.6%. The vacancy rate has increased significantly due to deficit funding allocation to recruit against b4 waking night staff in line with move from agency use. The non-social work wte increased from 64.17 to 85.31 with the new posts not yet recruited against.

The Trust has established an Edge of Residential care outreach support model to deploy crisis support 24/7 to children presented to panel for residential care. The staff team consisting of 2 b5 staff and additional bank staff; has successfully supported 45 young people to remain with their families who would have otherwise been admitted to residential care.

### **Leaving Care Services**

The leaving care and aftercare service has experienced a vacancy rate across the service of 27% at reporting end. The service has reconfigured vacancies to create a new team specifically for unaccompanied asylum seeking children, it is projected that all vacancies will be filled imminently. This will create a new team within the leaving care service with a discrete specialist role addressing the increased need and demands of this service user group.

### **Fostering, Permanence and Adoption Service**

This service has achieved some stability with all permanent b6 vacancies now filled, however, sickness and maternity leave and a

build-up of unallocated fostering and adoption assessments has resulted in the use of bank and contracts to address staffing deficits and reduce waiting lists.

### **6.3 Supervision arrangements for social workers**

No, the Trust have not been compliant with the regional supervision framework. There is a current compliance rate within this sub directorate of 61%, an increase of 21% from last reporting period.

Within this reporting period, the compliance rate has been impacted by management and staff vacancies and sickness as well as the ongoing pressures on the teams both within the community and residential teams.

An action plan to address the issues with non-compliance is currently being developed. Actions for improvement include; implementation of the new supervision policy, and improved assurance mechanisms for tracking supervision frequency. Furthermore, there will also be practical support for managers to improve the recording of minutes as well as reflection and quality of supervision.

### **6.4 Please provide an update on the robustness of the data provided in this report and any data assurance processes in relation to it.**

The Trust were due to go live with Encompass in November 2023, however this was paused. All Children's Services senior managers continue to be involved in Encompass build groups to ensure that Encompass will incorporate all the data assurance processes presently in place.

The Trust considers the data provided in this report to be robust, with the data entered into reporting systems being rigorously quality assured by senior management alongside information performance colleagues.

A system to track unallocated cases was introduced within children's disability in 2022. Ongoing vacancy issues have impacted in the services ability to respond to all cases, leading to children's disability having 365 unallocated cases at report end. These cases are being closely managed through the CUP process and the largely fall within the low level of family support categories.

**6.5 Programme of Care to advise of numbers of any significant judgements and/or decisions derived from Serious Adverse Incidents, Case Management Reviews, Mental Health Review Tribunals, Judicial Reviews, Audits or RQIA Inspection and/or Review activity *completed* during the reporting period, that directly relates to the Trusts discharge of their statutory functions.**

	<b>Number</b>
Serious Adverse Incidents	10
Domestic Homicide Reviews	0
Case Management Reviews	1
Mental Health Review Tribunals	0
Judicial Reviews	4
Audits	As per CYPCS audit schedule
RQIA Inspections	11
RQIA Enforcement notices – Failure To Comply Notices	0

**Serious Adverse Incidents (SAI)**

Themes and trends from SAIs are reviewed at team lead, manager and sub-directorate governance meetings to ensure learning is shared and reflected in on-going practice.

**Lakewood**

Emergent themes and identified areas for improvement from SAIs are addressed through relevant training, learning resources and improved escalation processes being embedded across the centre.

**Disability Services**

Within Children’s Disability service there has been one SAI in the reporting period in relation to an inappropriate deployment of a physical restraint which was contrary to the advice on the young person’s care planning documents. The lessons learned have been shared across the service.

**Case Management Reviews (CMR)**

One CMR remains ongoing since last reporting period. Additionally, one CMR notification was made during this reporting period by PSNI. The CMR panel agreed a CMR was not required. A debrief was completed and shared with SBNI.

**Judicial Reviews**

During this reporting period a number of Judicial Reviews have been on-going in relation to the pressures within children’s disability services

relating to contested levels of packages of care provision. There have been no negative findings for the service as a result of the reviews.

## **RQIA Inspections**

### **Children’s Residential**

In this reporting period RQIA completed unannounced inspections across all 7 residential homes and 3 children’s disability homes. The inspections across the homes have identified positive practice and subsequent quality improvement plans to address staffing challenges, and meeting complexity of need. These issues are all being progressed.

### **Lakewood**

During this reporting period, Lakewood has had one inspection. Areas for improvement included; the ongoing embedding of the healthcare and therapeutic teams within Lakewood, the impact of staffing shortages on the Centre, the recording of significant incidents as well as deficits in training compliance and the mix of training offered to staff. Overall, the outcomes of the inspection activity have been positive with areas for improvement identified that Lakewood continue to proactively address.

### **Internal Audit**

CYPCS have developed an annual audit schedule to provide assurance in key areas of practice.

### **Missing Children**

The Trust has continued to track the number of young people who have gone missing either from home, in the community, or a care setting. The Trust’s missing incidents’ tracker records young people reported missing 3 or more times at 6 monthly intervals.

Reporting	Reports missing	No of young people	% residential care
Apr – Sept	265	28	60%
Oct - Mar	152	20	65%

The Trust has systems in place to ensure communication to relevant personnel in regard to missing children. This includes communication processes with the Police Service of Northern Ireland to confirm data, dissemination of information to senior management and correspondence with all key workers to ensure CSE risk assessments are completed and concerns highlighted. This includes sharing information with team leaders from the Trust’s children’s homes and meeting with PSNI on a regular basis.

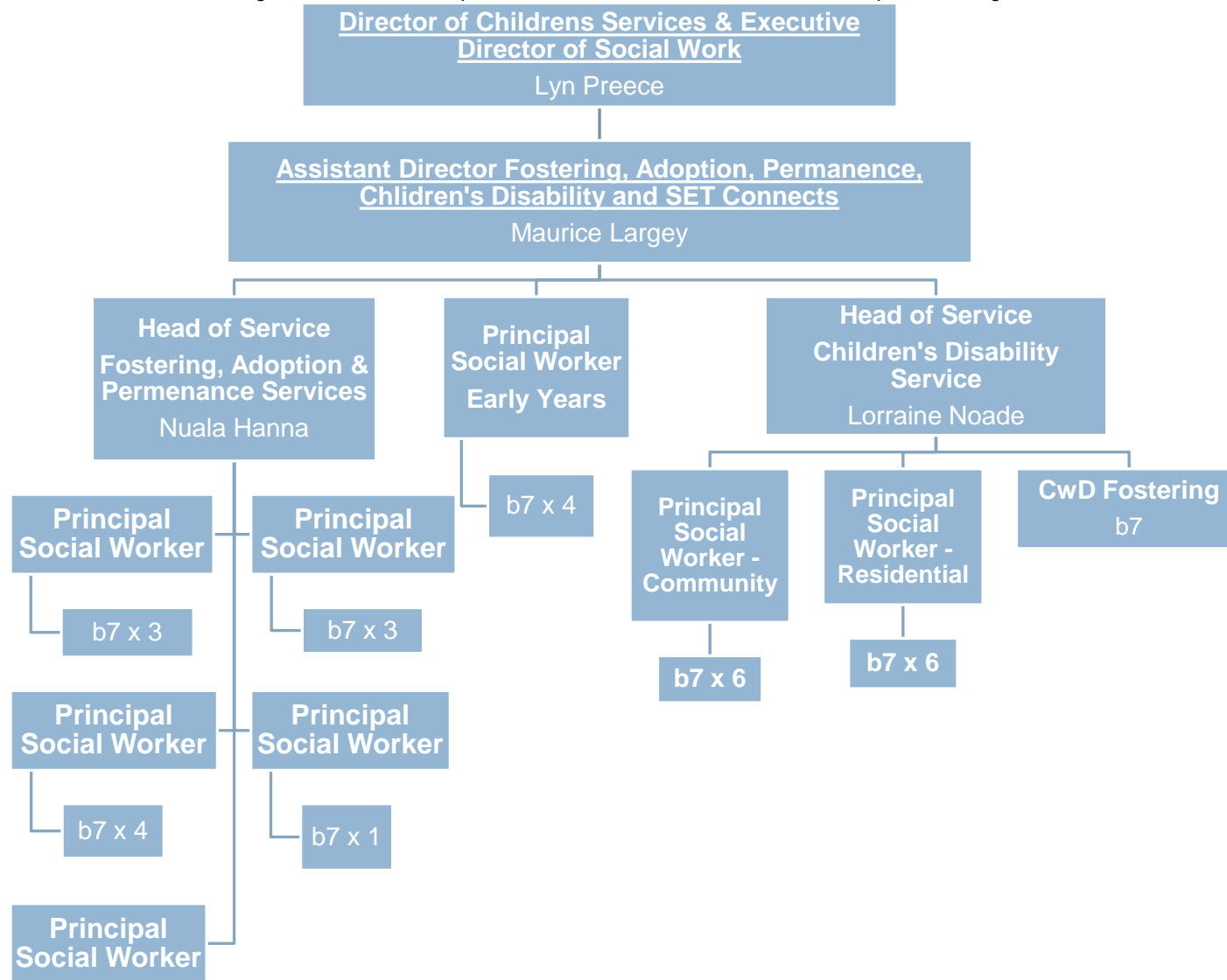


### 6.6 Discharge of Directed Statutory Functions

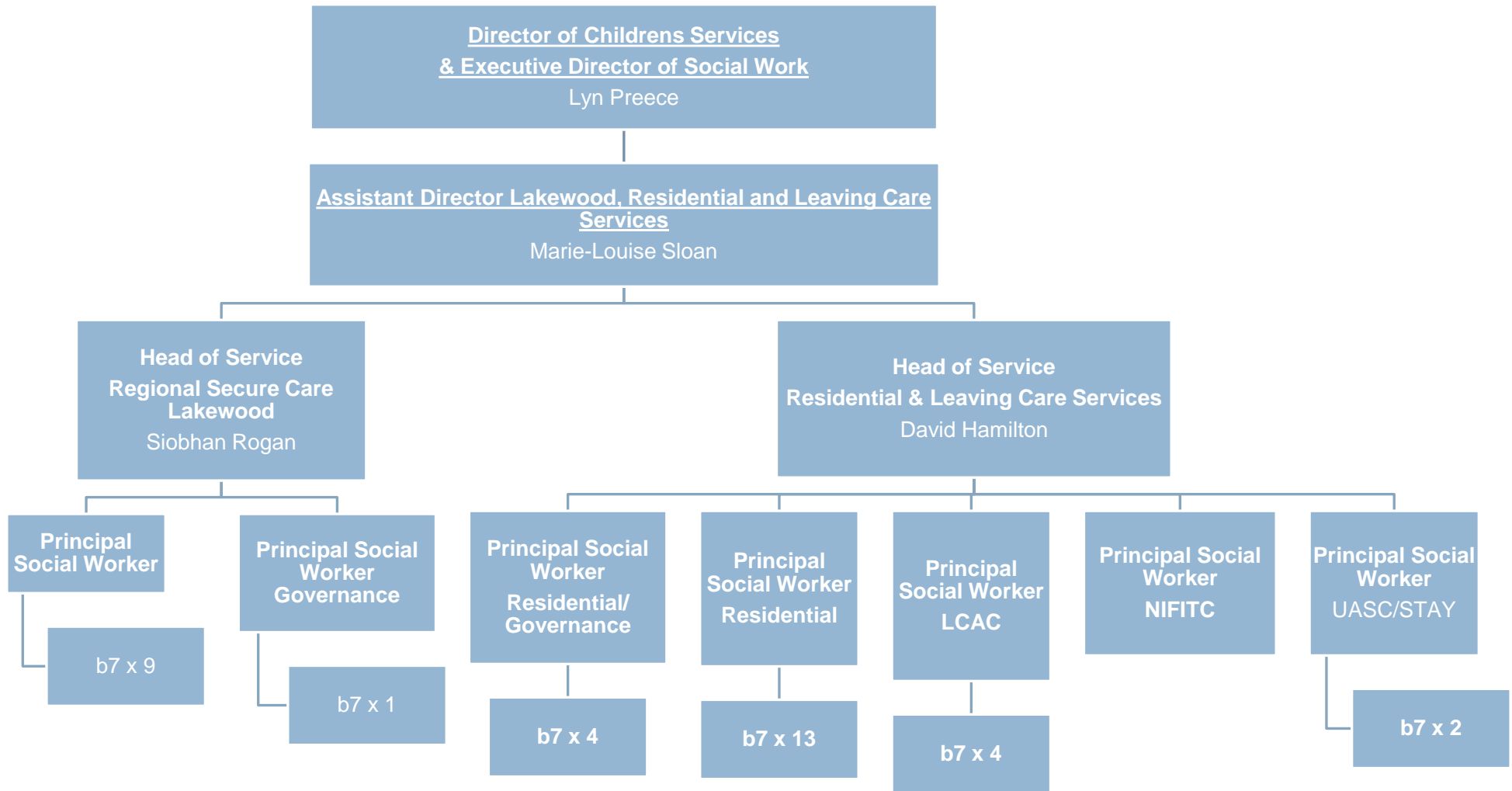
6.6	Summary of areas where the Trust has not adequately discharged their Directed Statutory Functions for this Programme of Care.	Please outline remedial action taken to address this situation and any proposed future action.
	<b>Family &amp; Childcare Issues</b>	
	Unallocated cases	The Children's Disability Service continues to experience a high level of unallocated cases, however, a corrective action plan is currently in place. A quality management system (CUP) provides assurances and controls in respect of good governance.
	Separated Children / Unaccompanied Children	<p>Pressure continues in meeting the needs of separated or unaccompanied asylum seeking children. The Trust is accommodating 46 such young people at report end, an increase of 16 in this reporting period. There are significant pressures on the Trust to secure appropriate and timely accommodation to meet the needs of these young people.</p> <p>A new team has been created specifically to increase the needs and demands of this service user group.</p>
	Bespoke Placements	<p>There are 4 children currently placed outside of NI. There is 1 child placed in England via ECR. There are 3 children placed in high costs residential placements in ROI as cost pressure.</p> <p>There is 1 young person placed in a high cost residential placement in NI as cost pressure. There are 2 young people leaving care who are in bespoke high cost placements in April 2024. A further 4 children have currently been assessed as needing high cost / bespoke residential care provision.</p>


		The Trust is currently in the process of establishing a bespoke residential placement for a 6 year old child via an annex of the registration of an existing children's home. The Trust will be undertaking a pilot in relation to delivery of multi-site children's home registration in partnership with RQIA and DoH.
	Recruitment and retention of foster carers	<p>The Fostering Service continues to experience challenges in the recruitment and retention of new foster carers.</p> <p>These challenges are being addressed regionally with specific work streams tasked with providing regional recruitment and retention strategies alongside local approaches through recruitment campaigns and retention events for Trust foster carers.</p>
	Demand for Lakewood services	Lakewood Regional Secure Care Centre has continued to experience a demand for secure beds. Occupancy was at 15 as off 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024. The centre has continued to use the Risk Needs and Dynamics Assessment to provide data on occupancy and complexity of need across the Centre. Lakewood's ability to meet this need is currently reviewed on the Corporate Risk Register. The Senior Management Team continue to work with SPPG to finalise a commissioning framework for Lakewood that will set out a remit for future secure provision

Children Services: Children with Disabilities, Fostering, Permanence & Adoption Services.- Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart



Lakewood Regional Secure Care Centre, Residential and Leaving & Aftercare Services.- Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational Chart





**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
**FAMILY SUPPORT &**  
**SAFEGUARDING**

## **7.0 Safeguarding & Family Support**

### **Children's Services & Social Work**

#### **7.1 Named Officer responsible for professional Social Work**

The named officer responsible for professional social work is Jason Caldwell, Assistant Director for the Safeguarding & Family Support sub-directorate.

There remains an unbroken line of professional accountability for social work.

Please see organisational structure on pages 59.

#### **7.2 Please highlight key Social Work Workforce planning issues, including recruitment, retention and professional roles.**

The Safeguarding sub-directorate has 34 unfilled permanent and temporary social work posts. Vacancies account for 25% - 30% of funded social work and social work support staff, with significant social work vacancies in the Ards sector proving difficult to fill.

23 wte b5/6 posts – recruitment underway through regional recruitment processes.

Skills mix is being utilised in the Down and Ards sectors whilst recruitment is ongoing with b4 family support workers, b5 youth workers and additional administration staff temporarily recruited to support teams experiencing chronic social work vacancies. However, there are also current 9 wte b4/5 support staff vacancies as these posts have also proven difficult to recruit and retain.

There are on-going regional issues with workforce availability and recruitment; the Children's directorate is working in partnership with DoH and OSS in respect of safe staffing/workforce supply.

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There is 1 dual registered social worker within the sub-directorate.

### **7.3 Supervision arrangements for social workers**

No, the Trust have not been compliant with the regional supervision framework. There is a current compliance rate within this sub directorate of 87%, an increase of 16% from the previous reporting period.

A supervision audit was carried out in safeguarding during March 2024. An action plan to address non-compliance and areas for improvement is presently being developed following this audit, proposed actions for improvement include implementation of the new supervision policy, improved assurance mechanisms for tracking supervision frequency. Furthermore, there will also be practical support for managers to improve the recording of supervision records, incorporation and recording of reflection and suggestions on how to improve the quality of supervision.

### **7.4 Please provide an update on the robustness of the data provided in this report and any data assurance processes in relation to it.**

Children's Services remain involved in Encompass build groups to ensure that Encompass will incorporate all the data assurance processes presently in place and are engaged in workaround groups to ensure effective interface within the Trust between Encompass and existing systems such as Soscare and NIECR.

The Trust considers the data provided in this report to be robust, with the data entered into reporting systems being rigorously quality assured by senior management alongside our information performance colleagues.

For example, in respect of number of cases on the waiting list for a social work service (unallocated), data is reported weekly by managers on the number of cases on the waiting list across Safeguarding and Children's Disability; this data informs monthly reporting to the Trust's Executive Management Team, Trust Board and SPPG. The governance mechanisms for waiting list data assurance is also overseen by the Children's Services Waiting List Oversight Group jointly chaired by the Assistant Directors for Safeguarding and Children's Disability, which meets monthly.

- 7.5 Programme of Care to advise of numbers of any significant judgements and/or decisions derived from Serious Adverse Incidents, Case Management Reviews, Mental Health Review Tribunals, Judicial Reviews, Audits or RQIA Inspection and/or Review activity *completed* during the reporting period, that directly relates to the Trusts discharge of their statutory functions (please complete table below).**

	<b><i>Number</i></b>
<i>Serious Adverse Incidents</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Domestic Homicide Reviews</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Case Management Reviews</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Mental Health Review Tribunals</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Judicial Reviews</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Audits</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>RQIA Inspections</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>RQIA Enforcement notices – Failure To Comply Notices</i>	<i>0</i>

#### **Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)**

DHR C – Currently paused due to criminal proceedings. All actions identified in the Trust's internal learning review are either completed or underway within the agreed timescale.

#### **Case Management Review (CMR)**

P1 & P2 CMR: The CMR report was shared with the Trust in May 2023, all Trust recommendations have been completed.

G CMR: This CMR report is presently with the Trust for factual accuracy. All actions identified in the Trust IAR have been completed. Any recommendations for the Trust from the CMR will be implemented once the final report is available.

#### **Audits**

Supervision Audit: completed in March 2024 evidences an improved compliance of 87%, a 16% improvement on last year's compliance of 71% which is commendable considering that there has been no improvement on vacancy rates since the 2022 audit.

PLAC Audit: Completed in November 2023 the audit demonstrated that 87.5% of files audited showed very good examples of work being undertaken relevant to the risks of child sexual exploitation and 87.5% of files audited showed clear examples of good multi-agency working.

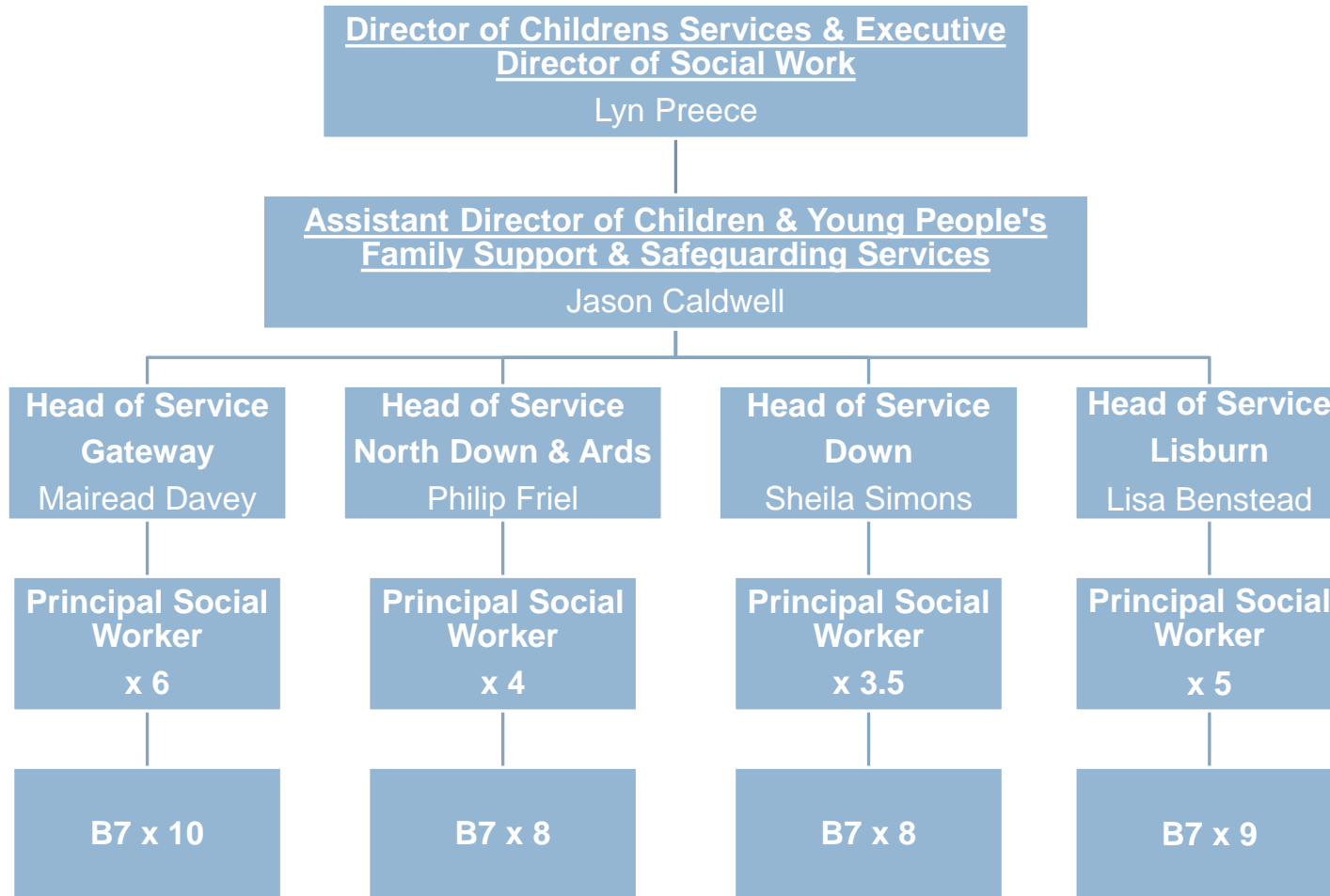
Child Protection Register (CPR) 2 Years plus audit: Completed in February 2024, there has been a more than 50% reduction in the number of children on the CPR 2 Years plus from the previous audit in 2021/22. The audit evidenced that child protection assessments were deemed robust in 79% of cases audited. The analysis of the chronicity of neglect was identified as an area for improvement in 66% of cases,

this will be addressed through the roll out and implementation of the regional Graded Care 2 assessment framework during 2024.

### 7.6 Discharge of Directed Statutory Functions

7.6	<b>Summary of areas where the Trust has not adequately discharged their Directed Statutory Functions for this Programme of Care.</b>	<b>Please outline remedial action taken to address this situation and any proposed future action.</b>
	<b>Family &amp; Childcare Issues</b>	
	Delays in Reviews of Child Protection Case Conferences (RCPCC) and Looked After Children (LAC) Reviews	The Trust has an action plan in place to improve compliance in respect of Review Child Protection Case Conferences. It must be noted that with the 37% increase in the number of looked after children over the past 5 years this has substantially increased the number of meetings without any additional resource in respect of social workers, minute takers or PSW/conference chairs. Vacancies within the social work workforce and minute taker posts (20%) have impacted on cancellation of review case conferences; therefore, as these vacancy levels have been sustained for more than 12 months any progress remains fragile.
	Cases Waiting for a Social Work Service (Unallocated)	In respect of the management of the waiting list to receive a social work service (unallocated), the Collaborative Unallocated Process (CUP) model is now implemented across all Safeguarding Child & Family Teams and Children's Disability fieldwork teams to ensure there continues to be both ongoing triage and robust governance in respect of all those children/families on the waiting list to receive a social work service. Whilst it is recognised that the number of cases awaiting the allocation of a social work service has increased, this is as a result of sustained workforce issues within Safeguarding, Gateway and Children's Disability where, despite sustained efforts to recruit and retain social work staff there continues to be over 30% vacancy rate in social work posts resulting in a continuing need to prioritise caseloads to meet the statutory demands of the services. It is important to highlight that those cases that have been triaged both following an initial assessment and reviewed through the CUP process are all assessed to be low risk to remain on the waiting list (Unallocated) to receive a social work service. The Children's Services Waiting List Group jointly chaired by the Safeguarding and Children's Disability ADs ensures added oversight, monitoring and governance.

Children Services: Family Support and Safeguarding Services.- Professional Social Work Supervision Organisational



**CORPORATE PARENTING REPORT  
(CC302)**

### 10.1 Children (NI) Order 1995 CHILDREN IN NEED

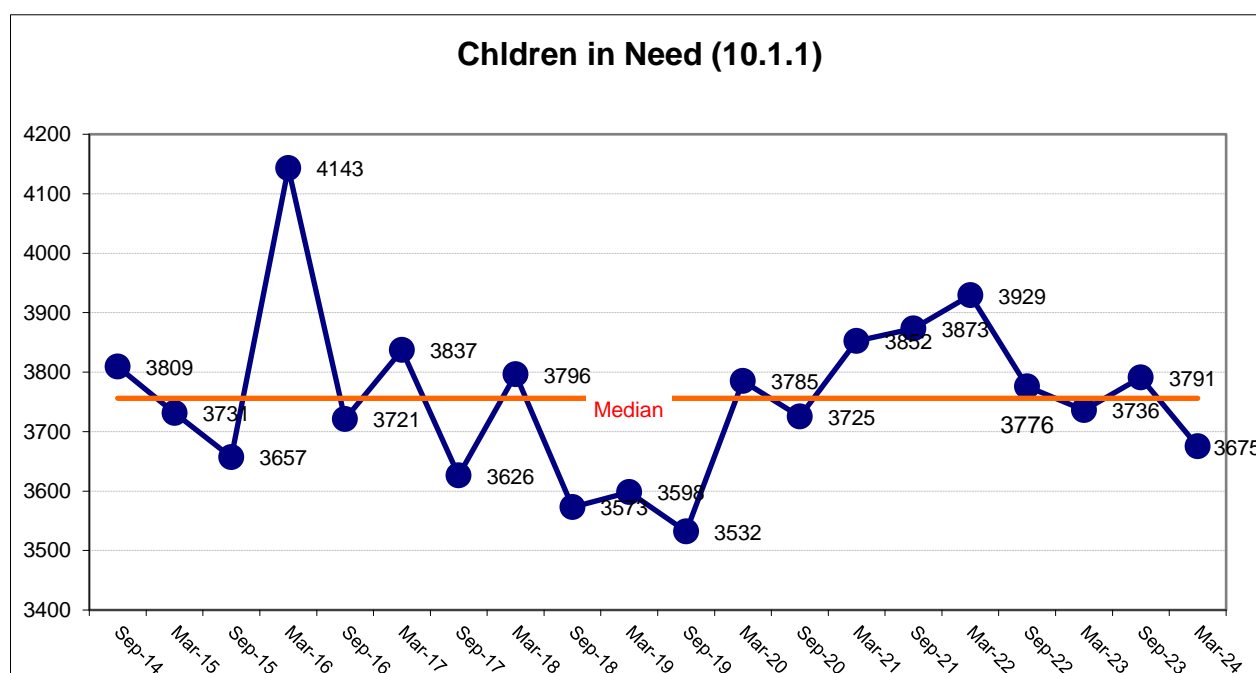
<b>10.1.1</b>	How many Children in Need are there in your area as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March? (exclude children on the caseloads of statutory mental health services)	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Children	48	54	324	308	891	676	500	430	244	200	<b>2007</b>	<b>1668</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1668</b>

*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 **3675** children in need known to the Trust; this has decreased by 116 since the last reporting period. The chart below shows that this decrease in the number of children in need remains within the normal range and therefore can be attributed to common cause variation.



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	37	31	209	185	552	412	368	298	174	145	1340	1071	2411	
Chinese	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	2	5	
Irish Traveller	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	5	5	10	
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	4	5	
Indian	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	
Pakistani	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	6	
Black Caribbean	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	
Black African	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	3	7	3	10	
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	
Mixed Ethnic Group	1	2	2	6	19	8	7	5	3	2	32	23	55	
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	2	2	2	8	2	3	4	1	10	14	24	
Not Stated	9	21	109	112	311	242	116	116	58	45	603	536	1139	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1668</b>	<b>3675</b>	

<b>10.1.3</b>	<b>Religion of Children in Need</b>	DSF - Children In Need 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	M	F	
Roman Catholic	19	12	70	62	187	144	136	109	71	62	483	389	872
Presbyterian	2	4	33	25	60	66	43	42	25	18	163	155	318
Church of Ireland	0	0	11	5	30	13	32	27	14	13	87	58	145
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	3	0	1	6	5	11
Methodist	0	0	0	0	6	5	4	3	0	2	10	10	20
Other Christian	5	6	34	27	78	71	66	46	25	21	208	171	379
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	3	2	3	6	6	2	7	2	19	12	31
Other	0	0	3	5	10	15	6	5	2	2	21	27	48
Not Known	15	25	143	143	437	298	169	164	83	65	847	695	1542
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	7	7	27	39	76	57	35	28	17	14	162	145	307
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1668</b>	<b>3675</b>

<b>10.1.4</b>	(a) How many children have been referred for an Assessment of Need during the reporting period i.e. 1st October 2023 – 31st March.	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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	<1	1 - 4	5 - 11	12 - 15	16+	Total
Number of Children Referred	122	314	567	322	125	<b>1450</b>

There has been a decrease (110) in the number of referrals received for assessment of need during this reporting period.

	(b) What was the source of referral for children referred for assessment of need during the reporting period i.e. 1st October 2023 – 31st March.	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Referral Source/Agent	No of Children
Police	372
Social Worker	131
Out of Hrs Co-ordinator	1
Relative	83
Teacher	218
Anonymous	57
Hospital Social Worker	29
GP	38
Hospital Nurse	57
Health Visitor	62
Court	7
Probation Officer	39
Vol. Organisation	0
Self	45
Community Psych. Nurse	54
N.S.P.C.C	6
NIHE	7
Comm. Mental H/C Nurse	0
Education Welfare Officer	8
Others	236
<b>Total</b>	<b>1450</b>

<b>10.1.6</b>	How many of these Children in Need are Disabled and known to Trust Social Workers (by major category) at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?  <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	0	10	9	23	19	14	8	10	2	57	38	95
Sensory	0	0	7	8	16	13	4	4	0	2	27	27	54
Learning	1	0	11	13	215	87	142	73	70	34	439	207	646
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's	0	0	4	4	85	43	73	37	38	19	200	103	303
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL Disability (With)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>1098</b>
No Disability	47	54	292	274	552	514	267	308	126	143	1284	1293	2577
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>200</b>			<b>3675</b>

There are 1098 children with disabilities, a decrease of 63 from the last reporting period.

The demand for provision for children with disabilities remains high, with staff vacancy rates remaining consistently high across the whole of the Children's Disability service. There are currently 434 unallocated cases; this has continued to rise from 307 at the end of the last reporting period.

<b>10.1.7</b>	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	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Physical disability	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning disability	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	5	3
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>10.1.10</b>	How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers	Data Return 10														
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<b>10.1.11</b>	How many young people aged 16 and 17 years presented to the Trust as homeless?	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet														
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<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>															

<b>10.1.12</b>	(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	61	9
Playgroup	2	0
Childminder	41	7
Out of School hours club	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>30</b>

	(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?	8	11
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10.1.13	Trust usage of Family Centre Places for interventions	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet
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<b>FAMILIES</b>						
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	Vol	Family Support	0	0	0	0
		Child Protection	0	0	0	0
		Looked After	72	4 - 6 weeks	55 - 62	9
Colin Family Centre	Stat	Family Support	1	12	14	0
		Child Protection	19	12	14	11
		Looked After	5	12	14	8
Knocknashinna	Stat	Family Support	2	12	14	0
		Child Protection	10	12	14	6
		Looked After	5	12	14	6
Simpson Family Resource Centre	Vol	Family Support	3	0 - 6 weeks	12 - 20 weeks	0
		Child Protection	12	0 - 6 weeks	12 -20 weeks	0
		Looked After	26	0 - 6 weeks	12 - 20 weeks	0

<b>10.1.15</b>	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	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	8
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>10.1.16</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 10.2 Children (NI) Order 1995

### CHILD PROTECTION

<b>10.2.1</b>	How many children are on the Child Protection Register as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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**371** children were on the Child Protection Register as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, an increase of 45 from the last reporting period.

<b>10.2.2</b>	How many of these children have a learning disability?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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**13** children have a learning disability.

<b>10.2.3</b>	How many of these children have a physical disability?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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**1** child has a physical disability.

<b>10.2.4</b>	Religion of children on the Child Protection Register	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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Religion	Male						Female						Overall Total
	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	<1	1-4	5-11	2-15	16+	Total	
Roman Catholic	7	19	26	11	6	<b>69</b>	6	13	31	15	1	<b>66</b>	<b>135</b>
Presbyterian	0	7	10	2	0	<b>19</b>	0	8	18	7	5	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>
Church of Ireland	0	3	5	2	1	<b>11</b>	0	0	2	1	2	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>
Methodist	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Other Denomination	3	7	13	9	1	<b>33</b>	1	5	11	5	0	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>
None	3	8	15	6	1	<b>33</b>	3	8	18	6	1	<b>36</b>	<b>69</b>
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Unknown	0	9	15	0	1	<b>25</b>	1	2	6	1	2	<b>12</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>371</b>

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 SPPG											
Ethnic Origin	Male						Female						Overall Total
	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	
White	13	46	65	30	10	164	9	31	75	34	10	159	323
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	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	3
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladeshi	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
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	0	0	5	0	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	4	9
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	5
Not completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	0	6	12	0	0	18	1	2	4	1	1	9	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>371</b>
10.2.6	How many registrations have there been during the period?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG/Sosc are Reports											
There were <b>204</b> registrations during this period.													
10.2.7	How many de-registrations have there been during the period?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG											
There were <b>158</b> de-registrations during this period.													
10.2.8	What percentage of registrations are re-registrations?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG											
<b>18.6%</b> (38) of registrations were re-registrations in this reporting period.													

<b>10.2.10</b>		For children on the register, how long have they spent on the Register (as at 10.2.1)?					Quarterly CP return to SPPG
<b>Duration</b>		<b>Under one Year</b>	<b>1 - 4</b>	<b>5 - 11</b>	<b>12 - 15</b>	<b>16+</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	less than 3 months	15	23	50	11	3	<b>102</b>
2	3 months < 6 months	6	19	33	16	4	<b>78</b>
3	6 months < 1 year	3	22	54	23	8	<b>110</b>
4	1 year < 2 years	0	21	20	10	4	<b>55</b>
5	2 years < 3 years		4	5	4	1	<b>14</b>
6	3 years or more		0	8	3	1	<b>12</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>371</b>

78% of the children (290) on the child protection register are registered for less than a year.

**10.3 Children (NI) Order 1995  
Looked After Children**

<b>10.3.1</b>	Provide the current legal status for all Looked After Children at 31 <sup>st</sup> March (excluding any who are LAC on that day only by virtue of a short break arrangement)	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	2	2	17	17	25	21	16	16			60	56	116
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									22	12	22	12	34
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	1	0	17	8	13	14	8	6	0	0	39	28	67
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									9	7	9	7	16
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	0	12	15	79	43	62	47	24	31	177	136	313
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	7	10	21	19	18	20	8	11	3	1	57	61	118
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	7	3	4	3	0	1	3	0	14	7	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>688</b>

Other: Art 17 Freeing Order (10); Other route to care (8); Section 74.1(b) CYPA (2); Art 44 MHO (1)

<b>10.3.2</b>	Religion and Ethnic origin of Looked After Children (please provide by new list of ethnic minorities)	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Ethnicity	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	10	12	71	57	131	98	88	78	47	44	347	289	636
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish Traveller	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	4
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	0	0	2	0	4	3	6	3	9
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	0	4	5	2	2	1	2	1	9	8	17
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	2	5
Not Stated	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	6	2	10	3	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>688</b>

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	9	5	26	18	35	31	34	30	23	20	127	104	231
Presbyterian	0	3	12	13	28	27	20	20	9	7	69	70	139
Church of Ireland	0	0	6	1	15	4	14	11	5	8	40	24	64
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	1	5	2	7
Methodist	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	3	4	7
Other Christian	1	3	15	11	20	22	11	10	6	7	53	53	106
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	2	8	2	10
Other	0	0	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	8	6	14
Not Known	0	0	3	2	2	1	1	0	5	2	11	5	16
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	1	1	10	15	27	11	9	8	7	3	54	38	92
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>688</b>

10.3.3		Number of Looked After Children (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 31 <sup>st</sup> March.											DSF – LAC Spreadsheet	
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	2	2	6	13	8	5	16	20	36
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	2	2	8	5	13
	Private	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ECR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
	<b>Residential Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	6	6	13	15	23	10	19	15	9	8	70	54	124
Kinship Care	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	2	0	5	7	8	5	5	3	2	0	22	15	37
	Kinship Care (Friends/relatives)	1	0	16	16	39	30	14	16	9	11	79	73	152
	Unregulated (In Placement >12 weeks and not yet approved)	2	3	16	11	22	23	21	12	8	7	69	56	125
	Independent Providers	0	3	15	7	30	21	13	14	4	5	62	50	112
	<b>Fostering Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>550</b>
Placed at Home with Parents		0	0	4	1	6	10	9	5	4	6	23	22	45
Placed for Adoption (LAC Children, with a Care Order, placed with Adoptive Parents)		0	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	12
Other Placements	Jointly Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Juvenile Justice Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tenancy Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	15	7	18	8	26
<b>Overall TOTAL</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>688</b>

<b>10.3.4</b>	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	4	6	5	7	10	6	6	3	6	1	31	23	54
3 months to < 1year	7	6	19	4	16	13	10	10	15	5	67	38	105
1 year < 3 years	0	0	40	43	41	36	19	12	8	12	108	103	211
3 years < 5years	0	0	10	8	22	12	15	13	1	6	48	39	87
5years < 10 years	0	0	0	0	48	33	30	33	20	18	98	84	182
10+ years	0	0	0	0	2	1	14	11	11	10	27	22	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>688</b>

<b>10.3.5</b>	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 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	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	0	0	0	4	47	72	3	21	35	7	68	107
Lindsay House	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	5	14	25	15	64	102	2	3	6	22	81	133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>240</b>

Short break provision has remained at a reduced level during this reporting period providing 240 overnight stays, reduced from 260 in the last period.

- Staff vacancy reduced Greenhill's provision
- Lindsay House was temporarily re-purposed, to provide short-term care provision in September 2023.
- Beechfield and Glenmore are fully utilised providing long-term care for children with learning disability.

<b>10.3.6</b>	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in a hospital	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Facility Name	Age at Placement			Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+	Total	
Cygnets Health Bury	0	1	1	1
Beechcroft	0	2	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>10.3.7</b>	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			Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+	Total	
None	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>10.3.8</b>	(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 1.10.23-31.3.24	No of Respite beds	Respite occupancy
Ardmore	x			2	2	100%	0	0
Ashgrove	x			6	6	100%	0	0
Cuan Court	x			8	8	77%	0	0
Flaxfield	x			8	8	75%	0	0
Marmion	x			8	8	54%	0	0%
Oaklands	x			6	6	86%	0	0
William Street	x			8	8	85%	0	0
Glenmore Cottage	x			4	4	100%	0	0
Beechfield short to medium	x			4	4	100%	0	0
Lindsay House short term care	x			4	4	100%	0	0
Somerton Road	x			2	2	100%	0	0
Safe Places			x	1	1	100%	0	0
BCM Grampian		x		1	1	100%	0	0
BCM Riverside		x		6	6	100%	0	0
Barnardo's Haywood		x		1	1	100%	0	0
Barnardo's Annadale		x		1	1	100%	0	0
MACS Downpatrick		x		4	4	100%	0	0
MACS Lisburn		x		4	4	100%	0	0
MACS Lisburn		x		2	2	100%	0	0
<b>Facilities providing Short Breaks for Children with a Disability</b>								
Lindsay House short breaks	x			0	0		4	0%
Greenhill YMCA	x			0	0		2	100%
Forest Lodge short breaks	x			0	0		1	100%

	(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				
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Number of Foster Carers</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: center;">*318</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of Approved Places Offered</td> <td style="text-align: center;">348</td> </tr> </table> <p>NB* 48 approved carers are <u>Short Breaks</u> only, these places are not counted in 'Number of Approved Places Offer' figure.</p> <p>Therefore we have <b><u>223 Approved Foster</u></b> carers providing <b><u>276 Approved Places Offered</u></b> to children in their care.</p>			Number of Foster Carers	*318	Number of Approved Places Offered	348
Number of Foster Carers	*318					
Number of Approved Places Offered	348					

<b>10.3.9</b>	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	5	9	10	4	4	1	5	0	24	14
Number who moved twice	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Number who moved 3 times	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Number who moved 4 times or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>

**41** children experienced placement moves during the reporting period, a reduction of 33. The Trust continues to monitor all placements moves to ensure the safe and effective care of children and young people during crisis.

**38** children moved placement once during this reporting period. 2 children had 2 placements moves. 1 child moved placements three times.

<b>10.3.10</b>	(a) How many Looked After Children are awaiting assessment or treatment with child and adolescent mental health services at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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**8** children who are looked after are awaiting assessment of treatment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health services.

(b) How many Looked After Children have been referred for therapeutic services and their waiting time.						DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
Referrals	Foster Care (non in/traditional)	Kinship Foster Care	Residential Care	Young People Exiting Care	Post Adoption Support	TOTAL
Total Number of Referrals received this period	43	15	9	0	5	72
Source of these referrals received from						
Child's Social Worker	43	15	9	0	5	72
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	42	14	8	0	5	69
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	0	1	1	0	0	2
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	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Children engaged with the Service by substantive placement</b>						
Number of children engaged with the Service at period start date	83	18	44	0	11	156
Number of children seen on a once off basis during the period	0	0	3	0	0	3
Number of children discharged from Service during the period	9	3	14	0	0	26
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	80	15	39	0	20	154

<b>Service delivery during the period</b>	
Number of Reviews undertaken	780
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	4 - 6 weeks
Number on waiting list at end of period	9
Numbers of DNAs during the period	36
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	51
For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average length of involvement (weeks)	55 - 62 weeks
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>816</b>

<b>Consultations provided by the Service during the period</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number which were repeat</b>
• Social worker	392	ongoing
• CAMHS	12	ongoing
• DAMS	0	0
• Teacher	13	ongoing
• Psychiatry	0	0
• G.P.	2	ongoing
Carers/adoptive parents	249	ongoing
One off'	3	0
Children/Young People	109	ongoing

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

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The average waiting time for an appointment during this period is 5 weeks and there have been no breaches to our waiting times (PFA target is 13 weeks for Psychological Therapies). We aim to offer a consultation within 6 weeks, and where this is not possible, the referrer is notified. All referrals on the waiting list as of report end have been offered an appointment.

With the exception of residential referrals that follow a separate pathway of automatic allocation to a clinician, all other referrals are triaged by either the service manager, consultant lead or clinical lead for fostering in order to allocate effectively and reduce delay. We may also signpost to other services where appropriate and offer consultation on occasion for non-referred children.

2 wte vacancies and long term sick leave have impacted on the service during this reporting period.

Due to staff vacancy, limited staff support occurred (individual psychotherapy sessions, reflective practice groups). These figures reflect that the Staff Support Clinician moved post end of December 2022. This post has now been filled and core group intervention of reflective practice groups will commence in May 2024.

In addition to core therapeutic services provided to referred individuals and families, the therapeutic team also provide one off consultations to professionals across Cared for Children Services. During this review period, the total number of consultations offered was 166. This figure shows a decrease from the last reporting period but reflects current staffing levels.

**10.3.12** How many Looked After Children are Disabled by major category at period end? DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

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	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	4
Sensory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning	0	0	0	0	10	3	8	12	7	3	25	18	43
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/ Asperger's/ADHD	0	0	0	1	18	15	24	10	14	8	56	34	90
Other (undefined)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL Children With Disability</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>137</b>
No Disability known	11	12	72	61	111	83	60	60	40	41	294	257	551
<b>Total Looked After Children</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>688</b>

<b>10.3.13</b>	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	31	15	46
Secondary school	49	22	71
Special School	51	29	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>197</b>

**28%** of children looked after by the Trust have a statement of educational needs.

<b>10.3.14</b>	(a) Has each Looked After Child an allocated a named social worker at period end? <b>No</b>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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**No**, not all children who are looked after by the Trust during the period did not have an allocated social worker.

	(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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33 children who are looked after by the Trust do not have an allocated social worker.

All cases have been risk assessed and moved to unallocated as a last resort, due to the workforce pressures being experienced in the service.

- All are in settled, long-term placements.
- A social worker is completing all statutory visits and LAC reviews.

Assurance systems are in place to monitor unallocated cases and updates provided on a monthly basis to the Assistant Director.

<b>10.3.15</b>	(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? <b>No</b>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
No, <b>126</b> children looked after by the Trust were not seen within statutory timescales.		
	(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><b>3995</b> statutory visits took place within this reporting period, 126 of these visits were outside the statutory timescales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing issues including staff shortages (45), sick leave (28), staffing pressures (13), vacancies (13)</li> <li>• Family/children sick (14)</li> <li>• Carer unavailable (7)</li> <li>• Young person on holidays (3)</li> <li>• Abortive visit (2)</li> <li>• Young person refused visit (1)</li> </ul>		
<b>10.3.16</b>	No. of Looked After Children Reviews held during the period	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<b>633</b> reviews for children who are cared for by the Trust were held during the period.		
<b>10.3.17</b>	<p>Was the case of each Looked After Child reviewed in line with Statutory requirements? <b>No</b></p> <p>If No, please provide number (<i>in the LAC spreadsheet</i>) and explain actions taken to address this issue.</p>	Data Return 10
<p>Not all reviews for children who are cared for by the Trust were held within statutory timeframes. <b>79</b> reviews took place outside the statutory timescale.</p> <p>The reasons for noncompliance are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing issues including sick leave (33), shortages (30) and vacancies (7)</li> <li>• Awaiting transfer (3)</li> <li>• Social Work report unavailable (2)</li> <li>• Parents/carers unavailable (2)</li> <li>• Child moved placement (1)</li> <li>• Minute taker unavailable (1)</li> </ul>		

<b>10.3.20</b>	Is there an adequate supply of placements for children to enable placement choice? <b>No</b> <i>(If no, Please explain)</i>	Data Return 10
<p>No, an inadequate supply of placements within the Trust necessitates the continued use of independent providers (112) to support children who are cared for by the Trust, placing considerable fiscal challenges on the Trust. The Trust continues to review, track and monitor placements through the monthly resource panel and referral meetings to address demand and capacity issues, and potential placements through the tracking of fosters carers coming through panel against those children requiring fostering placements.</p> <p>During this reporting period 30 children were deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs.</p>		
<b>10.3.21</b>	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 2 exemptions for emergency short breaks placements.</p>		
<b>10.3.23</b>	How many children are deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs? <i>(Please explain)</i>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<p><b>30</b> children deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>18</b> children in residential care required foster placements;</li> <li>• <b>6</b> children with parents/family requiring foster placements;</li> <li>• <b>3</b> children in short term placement requiring long term placement;</li> <li>• <b>2</b> children in other arrangements who require foster placements;</li> <li>• <b>1</b> child accommodated in an unregulated kinship placement requiring foster placement.</li> </ul>		

<b>10.3.24</b>	Please provide the number of restraints carried out by staff on young people within <b>each</b> Home during the period.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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ARDMORE	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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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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	1	0	1
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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CUAN COURT	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
How many individual children does this return refer to		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARMION		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)		3	0	0	0	0	0	3	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)		2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Other (please specify)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
How many individual children does this return refer to		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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	3	2	0	2	3
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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
How many individual children does this return refer to		0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1

WILLIAM STREET	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)	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

How many individual children does this return refer to	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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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	8	5	3	0	11	5
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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	1
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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	6	0	6	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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
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GREENHILL YMCA		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)		0	0	3	0	0	0	3	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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
How many individual children does this return refer to		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
BEECHFIELD		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)		1	0	0	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
<b>Total no. of restraints</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
How many individual children does this return refer to		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>10.3.25</b>	Do all looked after children have a concurrent plan by the time of their first 3 month statutory LAC Review? <b>No</b>	Data Return 10							
Yes, all children who are looked after have a concurrent plan by their first 3 month statutory LAC Review.									

<b>10.3.26</b>	Permanency Planning for Looked After Children at period end	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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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	5	5	15	11	30	20	15	20	4	5	69	61	130
Return to Kinship Carers outside LAC system (Friend/Relative/Family Placement)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoption	3	2	10	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	15	13	28
<b>Long term Fostering (Including Kinship)</b>	0	0	39	31	91	66	61	41	27	26	218	164	382
Supported Living/Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	13	20	13	33
Other	0	0	0	0	6	2	13	16	10	8	29	26	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>628</b>

Number of children not included above as they have been in care for less than 9 months	3	5	10	12	10	10	5	5	0	0	28	32	60
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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
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<b>10.3.29</b>	(a) How many Looked After Children are involved in offending behaviour (are formally cautioned or convicted)	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					2	0	0	4	8	3	4	1	14	8	22
Remanded					0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Convicted					0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>10.3.34</b>	(a) How many Looked After Children have been reported to the Police for reasons <b>other</b> 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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## ARDMORE

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	1	6	1	6
Other	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		0		1		1	
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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	2	4	1	4	3	8
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	6
Child At Risk	0	0	3	8	1	5	4	13
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	3	8	2	4	5	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		4		2		6	
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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	2	9	1	1	3	10
Breach of Bail	0	0	1	5	1	24	2	29
Child At Risk	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	5	8	0	0	5	8
Other	0	0	3	16	1	2	4	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>68</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		4		1		5	
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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	1	1	3	7	4	8
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	1	6	1	2	2	8
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Other	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		3		3		6	
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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	4	57	1	7	5	64
Breach of Bail	0	0	3	17	1	9	4	26
Child At Risk	0	0	4	95	1	19	5	114
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	4	10	1	1	5	11
Assault within Placement	0	0	4	17	1	0	5	17
Other	0	0	4	53	1	1	5	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>286</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		4		1		5	
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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	3	125	2	57	5	182
Breach of Bail	0	0	2	8	1	9	3	17
Child At Risk	0	0	1	3	2	6	3	9
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	3	4	3	5	6	9
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	7	3	3	5	10
Other	0	0	3	63	4	45	7	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>335</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		3		4		7	
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**WILLIAM STREET**

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No Children	No. Events	No Children	No. Events	No Children	No. Events	No Children	No. Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	4	16	1	1	5	17
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	5
Child At Risk	0	0	6	20	3	10	9	30
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	4	20	2	4	6	24
Assault within Placement	0	0	4	10	1	1	5	11
Other	0	0	4	32	3	35	7	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>154</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		9		3		12	
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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	1	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		1		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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		0		0		0	
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**GREENHILL**

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	1	0	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		1		0		0	
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**BEECHFIELD**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Total no of individual <b>children</b> this relates to:	0		0		0		0	
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<b>10.3.35</b>	Number of children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more by category	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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0 children who are looked after have been accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more.

<b>10.3.36</b>	(a) Number of Sibling groups accommodated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together</li> <li>• Not accommodation together at period end</li> </ul>	Data Return 10
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18 sibling groups became looked after by the Trust during this reporting period.

**Non-kinship placements (placed together)**

1 child was placed alongside a sibling upon their admission to care.

**Kinship placements (placed together)**

12 sets of siblings (30 children) had been accommodated together.

**Non-kinship placements (placed separately)**

2 sibling groups split across kinship and non-kinship placements due to capacity within kinship network.

**Kinship placements (placed separately)**

3 sets of siblings placed separately.

1 set of 6 children had been placed in two placements, 3 children together in kinship; 3 children placed together in non-kinship placement.)

1 set of 2 children had been separated across two kinship placements due to accommodation limitations of kinship carers.

1 set of 2 children (had been separated across two placements (1 kinship/ 1 non-kinship) due to accommodation limitations of kinship carers.

<b>10.3.39</b>	<b>(a)</b> During the period how many children or young people became a Looked After Child by age, gender and first placement	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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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	
<b>Residential</b>	Statutory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	4
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
	Private inc ECR's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Residential Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Fostering</b>	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	6	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	12
	Kinship care	4	3	9	8	12	12	8	4	4	0	37	27	64
	Independent Providers	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	7	8
	<b>Fostering Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Placed at Home with Parents</b>		0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
<b>Placed for Adoption</b>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	2	7
<b>Overall TOTAL</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>101</b>

<b>(b)</b> To your knowledge have any of the children admitted during the period been subject to a full Adoption Order	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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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	6	6	5	3	8	11	5	3	2	1	26	24	50

	(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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	<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	15	15	9	7	0	0	24	22	46

	(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) <b>Yes</b>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Yes, all admissions to care were properly recorded.

<b>10.3.40</b>	(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	3	4	4	5	10	7	4	5	1	0	22	21	43
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	7	2	9
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	2	0	3	1	2	3	3	1	0	0	10	5	15
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	5	8	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	10	13	23
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	4	4	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>101</b>

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<b>10.3.41</b>	During the period how many children or young people ceased to be Looked After by age, gender and length of time looked after at discharge	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Length of time Looked After prior to discharge	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under 2 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	3	5
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
6 weeks < 3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
3 Months < 6 months	1	1	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	8	4	12
6 Months < 1 Year	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	6	8
1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	2	3	2	1	1	0	4	1	9	5	14
2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	4	5	9
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	11	4	15
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	4	2	5	5	10
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	11	4	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>92</b>

<b>10.3.42</b>	(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
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Destination	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Returned to Parents/Siblings	2	2	5	1	5	5	3	2	5	4	20	14	34
Returned to Relatives/friends	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Adopted	0	0	7	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	12	5	17
Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)									2	4	2	4	6
Foster Carers (GEM)									14	7	14	7	21
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects									2	1	2	1	3
Bed + Breakfast									0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, Foyer									0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings									2	1	2	1	3
Prison, Hospital									0	1	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>92</b>

	(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	1	0	26	18	27	18	45
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>

<b>10.3.44</b>	(a) Please provide the total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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**8** children became subject of a Residence Order during this reporting period.

Placement	No. of Children
Stranger (Foster Carers)	0
Kinship (Foster Carers)	8
Residential Care	0
Other placement	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

	(b) How many Residence Orders are in place at period end?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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**131** Residence Orders are in place at period end.

<b>10.3.45</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 10.4 CHILDREN (LEAVING CARE) ACT (NI) 2002

<b>10.4.1</b>	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	28	33					61	28	24					52	113
Relevant	0	0					0	0	0					0	0
Former Relevant			33	24	22	20	99			34	21	20	17	92	191
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	28	33	33	24	23	20	161	28	24	34	21	20	17	144	305

<b>10.4.2</b>	<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 spreadsheets completed.</p>	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	19	31	50
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	32	23	55
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	2	2	4
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	3	1	4
Total	56	57	113

<b>10.4.6</b>	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	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	20	0	93	0	20
Relevant	0	0	0	0	0
Former Relevant	32	97	35	0	27
Qualifying	0	0	1	0	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	24
Qualifying	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

<b>10.4.7</b>	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	24	24	0	0	0
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>10.4.8</b>	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): 20 eligible young people are awaiting allocation of a personal advisor, some of these young people have not yet transferred to the LCAC team and others is due to staff shortages. The 27 former relevant young people are awaiting allocation due to ongoing staffing issues within the service as a result of vacancies and sickness within the teams. All young people continue to have an allocated social worker.

10.4.7: there are 24 pathway needs assessments that require review for former relevant young people, all are outstanding less than 3 months due to ongoing staffing issues within the service, as a result of vacancies and sickness within the teams. Young people continue to be visited and supported and the reviews will be prioritised in line with staffing capacity.

<b>10.4.9</b>	<i>Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what are their living arrangements at period end? Please complete for</i>  <i>(a) Eligible;</i>	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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<b>Placement Type</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total</b>
Foster Placement (Stranger)	16	10	<b>26</b>
Foster Placement (Kinship)	16	20	<b>36</b>
At Home In Care	8	2	<b>10</b>
Residential Children's Home	6	11	<b>17</b>
Secure Care	0	1	<b>1</b>
Specialist Residential Placement (NI/UK)	0	1	<b>1</b>
Hospital	1	0	<b>1</b>
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	2	5	<b>7</b>
Unregulated Placement	6	7	<b>13</b>
Other	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>113</b>

	<i>(b) Relevant;</i>	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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<b>Living Arrangements</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tenancy (NIHE/H Association /Private)	0	0	<b>0</b>
At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	0	<b>0</b>
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	<b>0</b>
Relatives/friends	0	0	<b>0</b>
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	0	<b>0</b>
Supported Board and Lodgings	0	0	<b>0</b>
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	0	<b>0</b>
Prison	0	0	<b>0</b>
Other	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	<i>(c) Former Relevant; and</i>	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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<b>Living Arrangements</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21+</b>	<b>Total</b>
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	14	16	16	11	<b>57</b>
Tenancy (NIHE/H Association/Private)	13	8	12	14	<b>47</b>
At Home with Parents/Siblings	9	4	3	3	<b>19</b>
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	7	4	0	0	<b>11</b>
Relatives/friends	11	4	4	3	<b>22</b>
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	6	5	5	4	<b>20</b>
Supported Board and Lodgings	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	6	3	2	2	<b>13</b>
Prison	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Other	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>191</b>

<i>(d) Qualifying young people</i>	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	<b>0</b>
Tenancy (NIHE/H Association/Private)	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Relatives/friends	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Supported Board and Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>10.4.10</b>	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	31	12	<b>43</b>	43
Further Education	10	24	<b>34</b>	34
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	10	10	<b>20</b>	20
Pre-Vocational	0	6	<b>6</b>	6
Employment	0	1	<b>1</b>	1
ETE Inactive	5	4	<b>9</b>	9
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Other (Sick/Disabled, Parent, Carer)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>113</b>

(b) Relevant;

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<b>ETE Status</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>No. Receiving Financial support</b>
Secondary Level Education	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Further Education	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Employment	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
ETE Inactive	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Training ( Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Other	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

(c) Former Relevant; and

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<b>ETE Status</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21+</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>No. Receiving Financial support</b>
Secondary Level Education	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>	2
Further Education	22	17	5	5	<b>49</b>	49
Higher Education	9	6	4	4	<b>23</b>	23
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	16	10	9	12	<b>47</b>	47
Pre-Vocational	10	3	9	11	<b>33</b>	33
Employment	5	3	5	5	<b>18</b>	18
ETE Inactive	3	6	10	0	<b>19</b>	19
Training ( Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Other	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>191</b>	191

	(d) Qualifying young people	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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ETE Status	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Further Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higher Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ETE Inactive	0	0	0	0	1	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>10.4.11</b>	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	11	0	3
Relevant		0	0	0
Qualifying		0	0	0
Former Relevant		9	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>10.4.12</b>	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	0	<b>0</b>
Sensory	0	0	<b>0</b>
Learning	7	3	<b>10</b>
Chronic illness	0	0	<b>0</b>
Autism(ASD)/Asperger’s/ADHD	39	13	<b>52</b>
Other (undefined)	1	9	<b>10</b>
No Disability	114	119	<b>233</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>305</b>

**Other:** 2 diabetes and 8 mental health diagnosis

<b>10.4.13</b>	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	9
Lone Parent	6

<b>10.4.14</b>	'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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<b>Mental Health Concerns</b>	<b>No. of Young People waiting for or receiving Mental Health interventions/services</b>	<b>Number of new referrals to mental health intervention/services during period (1.10.23 – 31.3.24).</b>
Mental Health Concerns	57	22
Self Harm	37	21

<b>10.4.15</b>	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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<b>Cause</b>	<b>16 - 17</b>		<b>18+</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>
Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Accident	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Suicide	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Other	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 10.5 FOSTERING

<b>10.5.1</b>	(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	10					<b>10</b>
Foster Care (kinship) >12 wks but not panel approved by 16 wks	29					<b>29</b>
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	8					<b>8</b>
Panel Approved kinship carer	<b>111</b>					<b>111</b>
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)		36	35	8	8	<b>87</b>
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers) <b>NOTE</b> Amended definition below		12	18	26	17	<b>73</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>How many of the Carers above also provide a GEM Placement*</b>	23					<b>23</b>
<b>Of the carers above how many are Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers</b>	14					<b>14</b>
<b>Of the Prospective Adopters/Dually Approved carers above how many are Concurrent Foster/Adoptive Carers</b>	0					<b>0</b>

NB 15 Kinship getting Fees

NB Total 57 Households providing GEMS placement: GEMS + Placement 23, GEMS only (De-registered) 22 & Independent Providers 12.

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

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<b>Other Foster carers</b>	<b>No. of Carers</b>
Independent Provider Foster Carers	77
Carers providing care only to children with a disability and who are not available to provide care for Looked After Children	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>

(c) Please give a breakdown of the number of foster carers de-registered during the period and the reason;

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<b>No. of Foster Carers de-registered during the period*, by reason.</b>	<b>Kinship Carers</b>	<b>Non Kinship Carers</b>	<b>No. of Carers De-registered</b>	<b>Total no of places de-registered</b>
Carer has adopted or been granted a residence order	3	1	4	4
No longer wishing to foster	0	6	6	8
Retired/phased out	6	9	15	19
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	2	3	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>

	(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
Number of Initial Home Visits	Kinship	64
	Non-Kinship	34
Numbers of Households attending Skills to Foster course	Kinship	8
	Non-Kinship	15
Number of Completed Assessments during the period	Kinship	15
	Non-Kinship	11
Number of these assessments that were already approved as Adopters.	Kinship	0
	Non-Kinship	6

	(e) Please give the number of regional enquirers received by the Trust	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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Enquiries forwarded from RAFS	No of Carers
Total No. of Regional Enquirers referred from the Regional Team(RAFS)	54
Number of RAFS enquirers Approved as foster carers within the reporting period*?	1
No. of enquiries progressed to assessment but have not yet to Panel within the reporting period*?	6*

\* An additional 6 have progressed to Assessment stage who applied prior to 01/10/2023 therefore total 12 in Assessment.

<b>10.5.2</b>	For the foster carers return at 10.5.1 how many <b>places</b> 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	NOTE
Foster Care (kinship) < 12 weeks not yet approved by panel	17	0	0	
Foster Care (kinship) >12 wks but not panel approved by 16 wks	45	0	0	
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	10	0	0	
Panel Approved kinship carer'	<b>152</b>	0	2	<b>2 kinship households de-registrations required, child left placement</b>
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)	<b>42</b>	0	4	<b>1 De-registration required &amp; 3 FC on a Break due to personal circumstances</b>
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers) See Amended Definition below	<b>82</b>	1	1	<b>1 Transferring to SUSD scheme - assessments underway</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Of the 154 Kinship places*25 receiving a fee</b>
Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers				
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2 newly approved March 2024 Vacant. 4 Households with plans to 4 place children underway &amp; 2 de-registrations required.</b>

<b>10.5.3</b>	<p>How many foster carers have annual reviews outstanding?</p> <p>Please provide the number of viability visits undertaken during the reporting period. (moved from 10.5.1f)</p>	<p>Data return 10</p> <p>DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet</p>									
<p>21 Foster carer annual reviews are outstanding.</p>											
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="204 577 523 730">Viability Visits</th> <th data-bbox="523 577 751 730">Joint Visits</th> <th data-bbox="751 577 1002 730">Visits completed by Child's Social Worker</th> <th data-bbox="1002 577 1414 730">Visits Completed by Supervising Social Worker</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="204 730 523 842">Number of Visits</td> <td data-bbox="523 730 751 842">60</td> <td data-bbox="751 730 1002 842">0</td> <td data-bbox="1002 730 1414 842">4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Viability Visits	Joint Visits	Visits completed by Child's Social Worker	Visits Completed by Supervising Social Worker	Number of Visits	60	0	4
Viability Visits	Joint Visits	Visits completed by Child's Social Worker	Visits Completed by Supervising Social Worker								
Number of Visits	60	0	4								
<b>10.5.4</b>	<p>Please provide specific actions being taken by the Trust to ensure outstanding reviews are completed</p>	<p>Data return 10</p>									
<p>Annual reviews continued to be monitored and tracked via internal processes. 21 annual reviews were out of timescale for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 foster carers taking a break due to a mixture of personal circumstances and health reasons,</li> <li>• 5 awaiting update medicals and/or Access NI Checks,</li> <li>• 5 de-registrations required (scheduled for Fostering Panel),</li> <li>• 1 in process of top-up assessment,</li> <li>• 1 delayed due to staff absence.</li> </ul> <p>Delayed annual reviews continue to be prioritised across the service. Additional Fostering Panels have been held to reduce the backlog.</p>											

<b>10.5.5</b>	What action is being taken to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care places	Data return 10
<p>The two Recruitment and Assessment Fostering teams continue to engage with the Regional Recruitment working group and contribute toward the Recruitment Strategy to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care placements. This is in line with the recommendations of the Regional Fostering Review 2020.</p> <p>Over this reporting period, the Trust continued to ring fence a dedicated 0.5wte social worker to work in partnership with other Trusts and to coordinate activities/campaigns and develop new initiatives. As a result, at the last reporting period, there were 2 ongoing BAAF assessments; this has increased to 12 households currently in assessment during this reporting period.</p> <p>There has continued to be a blended approach to recruitment activities over the reporting period, with a mixture of face-to-face community events as well as virtual information sessions/webinars. All events are promoted in advance on the Regional and Trust social media feeds and websites. Feedback is provided by staff regarding a number of enquiries/interactions with the public in order to guide future activity. As a service, we hold monthly recruitment meetings with our colleagues from STAY, Disability Fostering and two Recruitment and Assessment teams to look at new initiatives and share ideas.</p> <p>A diverse number of recruitment events have taken place within the reporting period, along with celebrating events to raise the profile of foster carers in the community including:</p> <p>Community events for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisburn Festival of Light</li> <li>• Halloween Event (Burrendale Hotel, 140 children attended)</li> <li>• Monthly pop-up stands (Ulster Hospital, LPCCC and Downe Hospital)</li> <li>• Love Your Home Event (3 day event)</li> <li>• Lisburn Christmas Cracker event</li> <li>• Montalto Easter Fair – information stand</li> <li>• Child-minders Support – information session</li> <li>• Leaflet and poster distribution – e.g. GP Practices</li> </ul> <p>Regional events in partnership with other Trusts, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic church event</li> <li>• NASWUT Teachers Union Conference – information stand</li> <li>• Til I Grow up event</li> <li>• Balmoral Show</li> <li>• Belfast/Lisburn Marathons</li> </ul> <p>Digital Platforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myth busting podcast</li> </ul>		

- Webinars
- Community Digital Screens
- Video with Q & A with same sex foster carers

At the end of the last reporting period, there was a waiting list for both kinship and non-kinship assessments to be completed. At the end of this reporting period, there remains a waiting list for kinship assessments due to the ever-increasing demand. There are no non-kinship assessments on the waiting list.

There remain 2 interrelating factors:

1. staff turnover and ongoing vacancies within the recruitment and assessment teams at the end of reporting period
2. continued increasing number of kinship assessments

In response to the waiting list the Trust has refreshed all fostering staff in assessment training and allocated assessments when capacity allowed. This has allowed us to respond to the demands in timely manner, to manage the waiting list and is a factor for no BAAF assessments waiting to be assessed.

The Trust will have filled outstanding vacancies within Recruitment and Assessment teams by June 2024 that will allow for more allocation of assessments timely. Future key priority is to continue to build relationships at a local level i.e. GAA and child-minding support groups, create local ambassadors to support in future campaigns and events.

<b>10.5 PRIVATE FOSTERING</b> <b>The Children Order (NI) 1995 - Part X</b> <b>NB Advice from DLS is that the 28day period should be continuous.</b>		
<b>10.5.6</b>	What steps has the Trust taken to encourage notifications?	
There is an ongoing 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.		
<b>10.5.7</b>	How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	0
<b>10.5.8</b>	How many Private Fostering notifications under Article 106 has the Trust received during the period?	0
<b>10.5.9</b>	Please provide DOB and Date notification was received in respect of each child/young person reported at 10.5.8	Not applicable
<b>10.5.10</b>	Of the notifications received (10.5.8) how many has the Trust accepted?	Not applicable
<b>10.5.11</b>	Of those notifications not accepted please summarise reasons and action taken by the Trust	Not applicable
<b>10.5.12</b>	Number of appeals made during the year under Article 113	0
<b>10.5.13</b>	Are supervisory visits undertaken in accordance with Regulation 3(1)(a) and (b) as a minimum to children privately fostered?.	Not applicable
<b>Notifications under Regulation 4 of the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations (NI) 1996</b>		
<b>10.5.14</b>	How many notifications has the Trust received in respect of children being adopted from abroad i.e. Intercountry Adoption within the period?	0
	Please specify the child's DOB and the date the Trust received each notification	Not applicable
<b>10.6 (a)</b>	Please provide the number of Allegations made against Foster carers during 1/4/23 - 31/3/24	6
<b>10.6(b)</b>	Please provide the number of Complaints made against Foster carers during the period 1/4/23 - 31/3/24	0

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

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

<b>10.6.1</b>	(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 Enquires	Domestic	Inter-Country
Central Regional Team (e.g. Website)	29	0
Newspaper advertisement	0	0
Radio advertisement	0	0
Word of mouth	2	0
Trust Website	0	0
Specific local campaign	29	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>

	(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	5	0
1 year or more	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>10.6.2</b>	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	0
Cohabiting heterosexual couple (where this is a joint application)	0
Cohabiting same sex couple (where this is a joint application)	1
Married	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>10.6.3</b>	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				
	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)	Total
Less than 1 month	1	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
More than 1 month less than 3 months	2	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>10.6.6</b>	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	4
Households where previous Foster Carers have been approved as Adoptive carers for their LAC	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>10.6.7</b>	Number of looked after children freed for adoption and not yet placed with their prospective adopters as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March; 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>10.6.8</b>	(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+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Adoption Orders Article 12 (1)														
Previously Looked After* <i>See note below</i>	0	0	0	1	7	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	12	5
Step Parent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

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

**The number of Orders made during the six month period (1.10.23 – 31.3.24)**

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freeing Orders - Art 18 (1) without agreement	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Court Applications for Freeing Orders <b>not granted</b> during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	(b) Of those children who were adopted this period please give the length of time from becoming looked after (last episode) to going to live with the family who went on to adopt them.	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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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	6	1	5	2	3	0	17

<b>10.6.9</b>	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	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>10.6.10</b>	How many children are in receipt of an Adoption Allowance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March and how many households is this?	DSF- Adoption Spreadsheet
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Adoption Allowances	<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 paid in respect of children at 31st March 2024?	0	0	1	0	3	3	23	15	20	22	13	5	60	45

How many households receive adoption allowance at period end?

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<b>10.6.11</b>	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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Adoption Allowances	<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	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

<b>10.6.12</b>	Details of recruitment, assessment, training, support for prospective adopters  Analysis	Data Return 10
<p>19 prospective adopters attended preparation to adopt training in November 2023. One couple attend from another Trust area. Arising from this training, 2 opted out of further assessment and the remaining 8 couples have requested to proceed to assessment.</p> <p>Transitions training “Making the Move” took place in November 2023. This was attended by a mix of foster carers and prospective adopters. In total 11 availed of this 3 hours of training delivered by social work and psychology staff in adoption services with input from an experienced foster carer, who has moved children on to adoptive placements.</p> <p>Approved adopters have also linked into webinars and numerous courses including additional training offered by SET fostering service, Beacon house and Adoption UK on subjects such as building your network, childhood trauma, fetal alcohol, caring for siblings and Core skills to foster.</p> <p>5 adoption assessments were completed in this time period, all were recommended for approval at panel. 2 were child specific assessments. The other 3 were approved as prospective parents. An additional 15 assessments remain ongoing and will be presented to the adoption panel on conclusion of assessment. All 15 are assessments for domestic adoption for a child not yet known to the applicants.</p> <p>Approved adopters awaiting placement are reviewed every 6 months as adopters and annually as foster carers.</p> <p>The adoption team are also responsible for the assessment of step parent adoption applicants. In this period there were three applications. One of these step parent adoption orders was granted in this period.</p> <p>At period end the team is currently supporting and reviewing two sets of intercountry adopters. Periodic reports are prepared and submitted to the country of origin.</p> <p>In this reporting period the adoption team provided support to 24 sets of adopters with children placed in their care. 5 further approved adopters have received support in the linking and matching phase post approval. 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 and following a matching decision.</p> <p>Tracing enquiries have continued to be received into the adoption team, on average 3 new referrals a month. Adult Tracing is a consistent area of work delivered by the adoption team.</p>		

10.6.13	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	Data Return 10
<p>During the reporting period 57 families were supported by the Post Adoption Service.</p> <p>On average each month 20 contacts have occurred for children prior to their Adoption Orders being granted and 7 contacts on average have occurred for children who are Adopted; thus securing their links with their family of origin.</p> <p>The Trust has continued to run, the very popular attachment based swimming course .This is a group for adoptive parents and pre-school children run over a 6-week timescale. This was held twice over the reporting period. This provides a great attachment enhancing activity for the adopters and can establish an important source of support via the friendship and bonds they build with other adopters, who are at the same stage of the journey as themselves.</p> <p>A Christmas Arts day was also a very successful event.</p> <p>An Early Speech event was held in partnership with the Help Kids Talk Services. Feedback on this course included;</p> <p><i>“This was extremely beneficial, very informative and it was also great to be able to bring our child along knowing they were enjoying the messy play session being facilitated at the same time as the talk”</i></p> <p>A total of 23 families attended these events.</p> <p>The Trust has continued to be creative in its response to the Adoptive families during this period time.</p> <p>Counselling sessions with a freelance post adoption depression specialist have been offered to 11 adoptive families during this period.</p> <p>All social workers in the service are trained in Theraplay and DDP which has meant they could provide hands on assistance in the home with the children within their adoptive placements.</p> <p>Play therapy and other therapies such as filial therapy and Art therapy were also funded where required.</p> <p>For the fifth consecutive reporting period there were no breakdowns of children in their pre-adoption and adoptive placements.</p>		

## 10.7 EARLY YEARS

<b>10.7.1</b>	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/De-registrations/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	64	3086	0	0	1
Out of School within Day Nursery	47	1472			
<i>Total Day Nursery Places</i>		4558			
Crèche	2	47	0	0	0
Playgroup	69	2559	2	0	1
Stand-Alone Out of School	44	1486	1	0	1
Childminder	404	2387	6	0	27
Approved Home Child carers	30	0	1	0	4
Holiday Scheme	1	80	0	0	0
Two year old Programme	11	132	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>11249</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>

<b>10.7.2</b>	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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### 10.7.1

The number of childminders continues to steadily decline, with more leaving the role than applying. The Trust is struggling to source childcare for children in need, and with childcare an increasing part of a family support/child protection plan projecting a concerning picture for children in need.

### 10.7.3

Overdue inspections are largely caused by sick leave and staff vacancies in the service. Despite this the number of overdue inspections are considered low and this may have been helped by the implementation of the inspection pilot with childminders in the North Down and Ards area. The pilot is a more streamlined process and it is hoped will increase capacity in the teams moving forward as it is rolled out across the service for a continued pilot period.

A small number of delays are as a result of personal circumstances which had led the provider to seeking a delay which has been agreed.

Overdue inspections are prioritised for allocation moving forward and recruitment is ongoing, with both vacancies currently offered and accepted and it is anticipated these posts will be filled by June 2024.

Pressures in the sector continue to create challenges with regard to staffing of childcare settings and much of the work of the teams is taken up with exploring ways to adhere to registration requirements, approving easements within the regulations and assessing an increasing amount of vetting issues. High turn-over of staff generally across the sector has increased the team workload in this regard.

#### 10.7.4

Delays in allocating new applications are due to staff shortages

#### 10.7.5

Delays in allocation readiness have been caused by the applicant/s themselves.

<b>10.7.3</b>	Total number of annual Inspections required, number carried out, number outstanding and time outstanding as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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Sector	Full years Data			Total Inspections still to be completed this year (as at 31.3.24)
	Number <u>Requiring Inspection</u> during the period (1.4.23 – 31.3.24)	Number of <u>Inspections carried out</u> during the period (1.4.23 – 31.3.24)	Number of the inspections carried out <u>remotely only (subset of the number of inspections carried out) (1.4.23 – 31.3.24)</u>	
Day Nursery	64	63	0	1
Crèche	2	2	0	0
Playgroup	65	63	0	2
Out of School	39	37	0	2
Childminder	371	354	0	17
Holiday Scheme	1	0	0	0
Two year old Programme	11	10	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

No. of Overdue Inspections i.e. haven't been inspected in the last year at 31.3.24	Time Outstanding								
	0-3mths	4-6mths	7-9mths	10-12mths	13-18mths	19-24mths	2-3 years	3-4 years	5 yrs +
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Delays in inspections are primarily caused by sick leave and staff vacancy in the period. Some childminders and providers have delayed inspection by agreement due to bereavement, ill health and leadership changes. The Holiday scheme was overlooked in the inspection allocation and as it only runs in the summer there is no opportunity to inspect it until Summer 2024. The majority of inspections are overdue by 0 - 3 months which is positive and this is directly correlated to staff sickness and shortages. One Day Nursey is overdue as this was postponed to align the inspection theme with the new inspection cycle.

<b>10.7.4</b>	Number of outstanding applications for each of the above categories as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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Sector	Length of Time Unallocated from receipt of Application					
	No. of Applications not Allocated	0-3 months	4-6 months	7-9 months	10-12 months	12+ months
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	1	1	0	0	0	0
Childminder	8	7	1	0	0	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Prog	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>


<b>10.7.5</b>	Number of current applications being assessed at period end and duration of assessment	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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	Length of Time that applications have been in progress					
Sector	Number in Progress	0-3 months	4-6 months	7-9 months	10-12 months	12+ months
Day Nursery	1	0	0	1	0	0
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of School	1	1	0	0	0	0
Childminder	4	1	2	0	1	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>10.8 Complaints &amp; Representation</b>	
<b>10.8.1</b>	Does the Trust have an appropriately authorised and experienced children's complaints officer? <b>Yes</b>
Yes, 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 a sector manager (social work lead) for safeguarding children.	
<b>10.8.2</b>	Does the Trust have an independent advocacy service for children and their families? <b>Yes</b>
<p>Yes, 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>	
<b>10.8.3</b>	Please confirm arrangements are in place to ensure that all complaints – both formal and informal – from children and their families are recorded and dealt with?
<p>The Trust has a comprehensive complaints procedure, 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>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.</p>	
<b>10.8.4</b>	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?
The Trust has a whistle blowing policy, which outlines how staff can raise concerns.	



**Directed Statutory Functions  
Data Returns**

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# **Mental Health**

## Adults Mental Health and Mental Health Older People

<b>1 GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>			
		<65	65+
1.1	How many adults were referred for assessment of social work or social care need during the period?	5537	321
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many adults commenced receipt of social work or social care services during the period	1394	321
1.3	How many adults are in receipt of social work or social care services at 31st March?	1605	341
1.3a	How many adults are in receipt of social work support only at 31st March (not reported at 1.4)?	1379	95
1.4	How many care packages are in place on 31st March in the following categories:		
	i. Residential Home Care	21	59
	ii. Nursing Home Care	50	60
	iii. Domiciliary Care Managed	75	147
	iv. Supported Living	114	11
v. Permanent Adult Family Placement	0	0	
1.4a	<p>For all those listed above in 1.4 provide assurance that the Care Management process is being applied in accordance with the DHSSPS Care Management HSC ECCU/1/2010 Circular.</p> <p><i>The Adult Mental Health Care Management service is <b>93%</b> compliant with annual reviews.</i></p> <p><i>Mental Health Services for Older People are compliant with all Care Management reviews.</i></p>	No	
1.4b	<p>Annual Reviews – Please provide assurances to the Commissioner that there is professional social work oversight of the Annual Review process in your Trust</p> <p><i>The level of compliance with standards are reviewed in a report submitted to the director monthly regarding compliance on annual reviews.</i></p>	Yes	

1.6	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Centre based Day Care		
	Statutory sector	124	17
	Independent sector	564	21
1.6a	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Day Opportunities	315	12
1.7	Of those at 1.6 how many are EMI / dementia		
	Statutory sector	1	12
	Independent sector	4	13
1.9	How many of this Programme of Care clients are in HSC Trust funded social care placements outside Northern Ireland?	0	1

### 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ACUTE HOSPITAL

		<18	18-65	65+
1.1	How many adults or children were referred to Hospital Social Workers for assessment during the period?	0	615	220
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many assessments of need were undertaken during the period? (assessment is to include screening).	0	615	220
1.3	How many adults or children are on Hospital Social Workers caseloads at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	0	204	44

*(Data refers to Mental Health Inpatient Unit Ward 27 Ulster Hospital, Mental Health Inpatient Unit Downe Hospital, Mental Health Inpatient Unit, Ward 12 Lagan Valley Hospital and Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit Ward 27 Downshire Hospital + Dementia Assessment and Treatment Unit in Downe Hospital, and Ward 11, Lagan Valley Hospital (Dementia and Functional Mental Illness in patients aged 65 years and over)*

<b>2 CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PERSONS (NI) ACT 1978;</b>			
		<65	65+
2.2	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care who are:		
	Certified severely sight impaired (Blind)	0	9
	Certified severely sight impaired (Partially sighted)	0	47
	Sight Loss	0	0
2.3	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care who are:		
	Profoundly Deaf sign language users	0	0
	Profoundly Deaf Oral / Lip Readers	0	0
	Hard of hearing	0	87
	Tinnitus (New)	0	0
2.4	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care who are:		
	Deaf Blind	0	0

### DATA RETURN 3 - NIL RETURN

<b>4 HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI) ORDER 1972;</b>		
4.1	Number of Article 15 (HPSS Order) Payments	4
	Total expenditure for the above payments	£1450
4.2	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in residential care	39
4.3	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in nursing care	31
4.4	How many of those at 4.3 received only the £100 nursing care allowance?	19

5 CARERS AND DIRECT PAYMENTS ACT 2002				
		16-17	18-64	65+
5.1	Number of adult carers offered individual carers assessments during the period.	0	589	94
5.2	Number of adult individual carers assessments completed during the period	0	550	88
5.2a	Number of adult individual carers assessments declined during the period and the reasons why	0	39	6
5.3	Of the total at 5.2 in how many of the assessments were the carers, caring for disabled children?	0	0	0
5.4	Number of adult carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0	739	61
5.5	Number of young carers offered individual carers assessments during the period.	3		
5.6	Number of young carers assessments completed during the period	3		
5.7	Number of young carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	58		
5.8	(a) Number of requests for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5		
	(b) Number of new approvals for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5		
	(c) Number of adults receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	30		
5.9	Number of children receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0		
5.9.a	Of those at 5.8 how many of these payments are in respect of another person?	12		
5.10	Number of carers receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9		
5.11	Number of one off Carers Grants made in-year. <b>£35,002 total expenditure</b>	441		

**DATA RETURN 6 NIL RETURN**

**DATA RETURN 8 NIL RETURN**

<b>9 The Mental Health (NI) Order 1986</b>				
<b>Article 4 (4) (b) Article 5 (1) Article 5 (6) Article 18(5) Article 18(6) Article 115</b>				
<b>Admission for Assessment Process Article 4 and 5</b>			<b>TRUST</b>	<b>RESWS</b>
9.1	Total Number of Assessments made by ASWs under the MHO			
		<b>Trust</b>	<b>RESWS</b>	
	Adult Mental Health	193	63	300
	Mental Health for Older People	107	12	75
9.1.a	Of these how many resulted in an application being made by an ASW under (Article 5.1b)			196
9.1.b	How many assessments required the input of a second ASW (Article 5.4a)			1
9.1.c	Number of applications made by the nearest relative (Article 5.1.a)			0
9.1.d	Can the Trust provide assurance that they are meeting their duties under Article 117.1 to take all practical steps to inform the nearest relative at least 7 days prior to discharge.			YES
<b>Use of Doctors Holding Powers (Article 7)</b>				
9.2	How many times did a hospital doctor use holding powers?			63
9.2a	Of these, how many resulted in an application being made?			51
<b>ASW Applicant reports</b>				
9.3	Number of ASW applicant reports completed			262
9.3.a	<p><i>Confirm if these reports were completed within 5 working days</i></p> <p>172 completed within 5 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some ASW's work shift patterns in their substantive posts or are part-time workers. So on occasion their reports will not be completed within timeframe.</li> <li>Also ASW's are involved in other rotas which might impact on their time available to complete report.</li> </ul>			No

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On admission the ASW provides a verbal handover and MHOA assessment form which outlines the information required. This is provided until the more detailed report is completed.</li> <li>The 5 day timeframe will continue to be highlighted with ASW's and discussed at forum.</li> </ul>		
<b>Social Circumstances Reports (Article 5.6)</b>			
9.4	Total number of Social Circumstances reports completed.	0	
9.4.a	Confirm if these reports were completed within 14 days?	N/A	
<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b>			
9.5	Number of applications to MHRT in relation to detained patients	34	
<b>Guardianships (Article 18)</b>			
9.6	Number of Guardianships in place in Trust at period end	2	
9.6.a	New applications for Guardianship during period (Article 19(1))	0	
9.6.b	How many of these were transfers from detention (Article 28 (5) (b))	0	
9.6.c	How many were Guardianship Orders made by Court (Article 44)	0	
9.6.d	Number of new Guardianships accepted during the period (Article 22 (1))	0	
9.6.e	Number of Guardianships renewed during the reporting period (Article 23)	2	
9.6.f	Number of Guardianships accepted by a nominated other person	0	
9.6.g	Number of MHR hearings in respect of people in Guardianship (provide total number)	2	
9.6.h	Total number of Discharges from Guardianship during the reporting period (Article 24)	1	
	Discharges as a result of an agreed multi-disciplinary care plan		1
	Lapsed		0
	Discharged by MHRT		0
	Discharged by Nearest Relative		0
	Total	0	

<b>Approved Social Worker (ASW) Register</b>		
9.7	Number of newly appointed Approved Social Workers during period	8
9.7.a	Number of Approved Social Workers removed during period	2
9.7.b	Number of Approved Social Workers at period end (who have fulfilled requirements consistent with quality standards)	36
9.7c	<p>Please provide assurance of HSCT progress in relation to implementation of the ASW Quality Standards 2021. Please include progress as per standards on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Workforce Planning and Management</b></p> <p>Allocation confirmed for 7 people per year to complete ASW programme.</p> <p>Implementation of ASW hub model and provision of ASW specific supervision has increased support to improve staff well-being and promote retention of staff.</p> <p>Secured ASW Operational Lead role daily support and on call support after 5pm.</p> <p>Improved communication / interface with RESWs (daily)</p> <p>Development of Job Description</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>ASW Governance</b></p> <p>Governance responsibility - ASW Development Lead and ASW Operational Lead</p> <p>Regional development of RESWs protocol, JD and Lone working Policy.</p> <p>Restructuring within Mental Health Services ongoing. Increased partnership working ASW and MCA team</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>ASW Training</b></p> <p>7 ASW candidates per year (2021-2026).</p> <p>Re-approval provided yearly – jointly with Belfast Trust</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>ASW Supervision and Support</b></p> <p>Introduction of ASW specific supervision in line with the development of the Hub since September 2023, offered least once per year as well as annual review.</p> <p>Quarterly ASW forums per year.</p> </li> </ul>	

	Ongoing review of Lone Working Policy and other processes	
9.8	<p>Do any of the returns for detention and Guardianship in this section relate to an individual who was under 18 years old?</p> <p>If yes, please provide number and advise on any issues presenting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Young person - 17 years of age – Female – not detained returned to children’s home</li> <li>2. Young person - 16 years of age - Female – detained to Beechcroft</li> <li>3. Young Person – 17 years of age – Female - voluntary admission to Beechcroft</li> <li>4. Young Person – 16 years of age – Female – detained to medical ward due to eating disorder</li> <li>5. Young Person - 17 years of age – Female – detained to medical ward due to eating disorder</li> </ol>	5
9.9	<p>How many times during the reporting period has the Trust notified the Office of Care and Protection under Article 107? Please advise of any issues.</p>	41

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Mental Health Order (NI) 1986 as amended by The Criminal Justice (NI) Order 1996 Article 50(6).</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Schedule 2A Supervision and Treatment Orders.</b></p>		
9.10	Number of supervision and treatment orders, (where a Trust social worker is the supervising officer) in force at the 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1
9.11	Of the Total shown at 9.10 how many have their treatment required as:	0
	(a) Treatment as an in-patient	1
	(b) Treatment as an out patient	0
9.12	Of the total shown at 9.10 how many include requirements as to the residence of the supervised person (excluding in-patients)	1
9.13	Of the total shown at 9.10 how many of these supervision and treatment orders were <b>made</b> during the reporting period. Please advise of any issues presenting	1

<b>9 The Mental Capacity (NI) Act, 2016</b>		
<b>Panel Applications (during the year)</b>		
9.19	Do you have sufficient numbers of staff to carry out TP Formal Assessments of Capacity (Form 1)?	Yes
9.20	Do you have sufficient numbers of staff to make TP Best Interests determination (Form 2)?	Yes
9.21	Do you have sufficient numbers of medical practitioners to complete TP medical reports (Form 6)?	Yes
<b>Trust Panels</b>		
9.22	Do you have sufficient numbers of Trust Panel members to cover first applications (Form 5)?	Yes
9.23	Do you have sufficient number of Trust Panel members to cover Trust Panel Extension applications (Form 16)? Yes	Yes
<b>Extensions</b>		
9.28	Do you have sufficient number of staff suitably qualified to make responsible person statements (Form 15)?	Yes
9.29	Do You have Sufficient number of staff to carry out TP Extension Formal Assessments of Capacity (Form 1)?	Yes
9.30	Do you have sufficient number of staff to make TP Extension Best Interests determination (Form 2)?	Yes
<b>Short Term Detention Authorisations</b>		
9.33	Do you have sufficient numbers of staff to carry out STD Formal Assessments of Capacity (Form 1)?	Yes
9.34	Do you have sufficient number of staff to make STD Best Interests determination (Form 2)?	Yes
9.35	Do you have sufficient numbers of medical practitioners to complete STD medical reports (Form 6)?	Yes
9.36	Do you have sufficient number of ASWs and appropriate healthcare professionals to authorise STDs (Form 8)? Yes / No	Yes

<b>Training</b>		
9.39	Do you have sufficient number of staff trained to operate DoLs?	Yes
<b>Trust Panels</b>		
9.40	Do you have sufficient number of Trust Panel members to cover first applications (Form 5)?	Yes
9.41	Do you have sufficient number of Trust Panel members to cover Trust?	Yes
<b>Rule 6 reports and participation at hearings when required</b>		
9.42	Do you have sufficient number of staff to meet the Review Tribunal deadlines for Rule 6 requests?	Yes
9.43	(Section 3) MCA section 50 – Do you have sufficient number of staff to ensure all one year extensions are referred to the Attorney General?	Yes
9.44	Can you confirm that you have authorisations in place for those people who require one or more emergency provisions are in place and clearly recorded?	Yes
Please outline any other risks or issues with regard to compliance with the Mental Capacity Act?		
<p>The Trust's MCA Service has worked diligently and creatively to build a structure that supports patient need, legislative requirements, multidisciplinary team (MDT) relationships and pressures. A strategic priority for the MCA Service has been increasing MCA awareness on the ground with the message, "MCA is everyone's responsibility", improving patient safety, and working across teams and professions to make improvements in patient flow.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to ascertain the Trust's compliance with MCA Schedule 1 para 19 target and focused data reporting mechanisms on this statutory requirement will scrutinise trends within this area to inform future work plans. Initial discussions have been had amongst Trust MCA operational managers to potentially move to more frequent half day Trust Panel sessions to ensure all applications are considered by Trust Panels in line with the 7 working day statutory requirement.</p> <p>Review Tribunal (RT) Adjournments is an area for continued improvement – the Trust are focused on reducing the number of RT adjournments (where possible) as these delay conclusion of process for panel and create additional work for Trust and RT staff. The Trust have recruited new staff and restructured the MCA team to include a new Governance &amp; Courts Section. Analysis of, and reduction in, number of RT adjournments is a key priority for the next year and we are confident that the actions being taken to track, monitor and quality assure Trust responses to the RT will result in fewer adjournments.</p>		

Robust governance arrangements are in place to ensure risks and challenges are monitored and appropriate actions taken to mitigate against risks. The MCA acute workstream and the MCA community workstream groups continue to meet quarterly with representation from all Programmes of Care and Medics in attendance. Discussion comprised an overview of recent developments, challenges and regional comparatives followed by a question and answer session. CEO and Directors are informed of current risks and challenges faced in meeting compliance.

# **Adult Physical Disability**

### Adult Physical Disability

1 GENERAL PROVISIONS			
		<65	65+
1.1	How many adults were referred for assessment of social work or social care need during the period?	570	358
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many adults commenced receipt of social work or social care services during the period?	485	315
1.3	How many adults are in receipt of social work or social care services at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	2048	1222
1.3a	How many adults are in receipt of social work support only at 31 <sup>st</sup> March (not reported at 1.4)?	128	48
1.4	How many care packages are in place on 31 <sup>st</sup> March in the following categories:		
	i. Residential Home Care	13	2
	ii. Nursing Home Care	48	18
	iii. Domiciliary Care	918	?
	iv. Supported Living	21	1
	v. Permanent Adult Family Placement	0	0
1.4a	For all those listed above in 1.4 provide assurance that the Care Management process is being applied in accordance with the DHSSPS Care Management HSC ECCU/1/2010 Circular and the subsequent update within Circular HSC (ECCU) 1/2021.	Yes	
1.4b	Annual Reviews – Please provide assurances to the Commissioner that there is professional social work oversight of the Annual Review process in your Trust	Yes	
1.6	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Centre based Day Care		
	- Statutory sector	42	2
	- Independent sector	0	0
1.6a	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Day Opportunities	137	22
1.7	Of those at 1.6 how many are EMI / dementia		
	- Statutory sector	0	0
	- Independent sector	0	0
1.9	How many of this Programme of Care clients are in HSC Trust funded social care placements outside Northern Ireland?	5	0

<b>1 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ACUTE HOSPITAL (GENERAL SETTING)</b>				
		<18	18-65	65+
1.1	How many adults or children were referred to Hospital Social Workers for assessment during the period?	0	17	5
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many assessments of need were undertaken during the period? (assessment is to include screening).	0	17	5
1.3	How many adults or children are on Hospital Social Workers caseloads at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	0	10	5

*(Data refers to Thompson House Hospital)*

<b>2 CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PERSONS (NI) ACT 1978;</b>			
		<65	65+
2.2	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care who are:		
	Certified severely sight impaired (Blind)	246	391
	Certified severely sight impaired (Partially sighted)	180	321
	Sight Loss	241	926
2.3	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care who are:		
	Profoundly Deaf sign language users	55	32
	Profoundly Deaf Oral / Lip Readers	29	13
	Hard of hearing	91	205
	Tinnitus (New)	22	11
2.4	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care who are:		
	Deaf Blind	69	95

<b>3 DISABLED PERSONS (NI) ACT 1989</b>		
3.1	Number of referrals to <b><u>Physical</u></b> / <b><u>Learning</u></b> / <b><u>Sensory Disability</u></b> during the reporting period.	928
	Number of Disabled people known as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March.	3270
3.2	Number of assessments of need carried out during period end 31 <sup>st</sup> March.	800
3.3	Number of assessments undertaken of disabled children ceasing full time education.	2

<b>4 HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI) ORDER 1972;</b>		
<b>Article 15, Article 36 [as amended by Registered Homes (NI) Order 1992]</b>		
4.1	Number of Article 15 (HPSS Order) Payments	8
	Total expenditure for the above payments	£3460
4.2	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in residential care	542
4.3	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in nursing care	1716
4.4	How many of those at 4.3 received only the £100 nursing care allowance?	218

<b>5 CARERS AND DIRECT PAYMENTS ACT 2002</b>				
		16-17	18-64	65+
5.1	Number of adult carers offered individual carers assessments during the period	1	161	18
5.2	Number of adult individual carers assessments completed during the period	1	105	11
5.2a	Number of adult individual carers assessments declined during the period and the reasons why	0	56	7
5.3	Of the total at 5.2 in how many of the assessments were the carers, caring for disabled children?	0	0	0
5.4	Number of adult carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0	53	11
5.5	Number of young carers offered individual carers assessments during the period.			2
5.6	Number of young carers assessments completed during the period			2
5.7	Number of young carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March			0
5.8	(a) Number of requests for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March			37
	(b) Number of new approvals for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March			37
	(c) Number of adults receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March			347
5.9	Number of children receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March			0
5.9.a	Of those at 5.8 how many of these payments are in respect of another person?			10
5.10	Number of carers receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March			12
5.11	Number of one off Carers Grants made in-year.			108

**DATA RETURN 6 – NIL RETURN**

**DATA RETURN 9 – NIL RETURN**

# **Adult Learning Disability**

### Adult Learning Disability Services

<b>1 GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>			
		<65	65+
1.1	How many adults were referred for assessment of social work or social care need during the period?	66	1
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many adults commenced receipt of social work or social care services during the period?	61	1
1.3	How many adults are in receipt of social work or social care services at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	1629	
1.3a	How many adults are in receipt of social work support only at 31 <sup>st</sup> March (not reported at 1.4)?	158	20
1.4	How many care packages are in place on 31 <sup>st</sup> March in the following categories:		
	i. Residential Home Care	124	27
	ii. Nursing Home Care	50	37
	iii. Domiciliary Care Managed	392	?
	iv. Supported Living	227	44
	v. Permanent Adult Family Placement	8	0
1.4a	For all those listed above in 1.4 provide assurance that the Care Management process is being applied in accordance with the DHSSPS Care Management HSC ECCU/1/2010 Circular.	Yes	
1.6	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Centre based Day Care		
	- Statutory sector	<b>473</b>	<b>24</b>
	- Independent sector	<b>102</b>	<b>30</b>
1.6a	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Day Opportunities	<b>426</b>	<b>15</b>
1.7	Of those at 1.6 how many are EMI / dementia		
	- Statutory sector	5	1
	- Independent sector	2	1
1.9	How many of this Programme of Care clients are in HSC Trust funded social care placements outside Northern Ireland?	6	0

**DATA RETURN 1 (ACUTE HOSPITAL) – NIL RETURN**

**DATA RETURN 2 – NIL RETURN**

<b>3 DISABLED PERSONS (NI) ACT 1989</b>		
3.1	Number of referrals to Physical/ <u>Learning</u> /Sensory <u>Disability</u> during the reporting period.	67
	Number of Disabled people known as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March.	1629
3.2	Number of assessments of need carried out during period end 31 <sup>st</sup> March.	62
3.3	Number of assessments undertaken of disabled children ceasing full time education.	30

<b>4 HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI) ORDER 1972;</b>		
4.1	Number of Article 15 (HPSS Order) Payments	2
	Total expenditure for the above payments	£240
4.2	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in residential care	151
4.3	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in nursing care	86
4.4	How many of those at 4.3 received only the £100 nursing care allowance?	1

<b>5 CARERS AND DIRECT PAYMENTS ACT 2002</b>				
		16-17	18-64	65+
5.1	Number of adult carers offered individual carers assessments during the period	0	63	33
5.2	Number of adult individual carers assessments completed during the period	0	58	29
5.2a	Number of adult individual carers assessments declined during the period and the reasons why	0	7	2
5.3	Of the total at 5.2 in how many of the assessments were the carers, caring for disabled children?	NA	NA	NA
5.4	Number of adult carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0	193	136
5.5	Number of young carers offered individual carers assessments during the period.	2		
5.6	Number of young carers assessments completed during the period	2		
5.7	Number of young carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0		
5.8	(a) Number of requests for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	35		
	(b) Number of new approvals for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	35		
	(c) Number of adults receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	245		
5.9	Number of children receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	N/A		
5.9.a	Of those at 5.8 how many of these payments are in respect of another person?	57		
5.10	Number of carers receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	68		
5.11	Number of one off Carers Grants made in-year.	125		

**DATA RETURN 6 – NIL RETURN**

<b>9 The Mental Health (NI) Order 1986</b>			
<b>Admission for Assessment Process Article 4 and 5</b>		<b>TRUST</b>	<b>RESWS</b>
9.1	Total Number of Assessments made by ASWs under the MHO	1	0
9.1.a	Of these how many resulted in an application being made by an ASW under (Article 5.1b)	1	0
9.1.b	How many assessments required the input of a second ASW (Article 5.4a)	0	0
9.1.c	Number of applications made by the nearest relative (Article 5.1.a)	0	
9.1.d	Can the Trust provide assurance that they are meeting their duties under Article 117.1 to take all practical steps to inform the nearest relative at least 7 days prior to discharge.	YES	
<b>Use of Doctors Holding Powers (Article 7)</b>			
9.2	How many times did a hospital doctor use holding powers?	0	
9.2a	Of these, how many resulted in an application being made?	0	
<b>ASW Applicant reports</b>			
9.3	Number of ASW applicant reports completed	1	
9.3.a	<i>Confirm if these reports were completed within 5 working days</i>	Yes	
<b>Social Circumstances Reports (Article 5.6)</b>			
9.4	Total number of Social Circumstances reports completed.	0	
9.4.a	Confirm if these reports were completed within 14 days?	N/A	
<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b>			
9.5	Number of applications to MHRT in relation to detained patients	0	
<b>Guardianships (Article 18)</b>			
9.6	Number of Guardianships in place in Trust at period end	0	
9.6.a	New applications for Guardianship during period (Article 19(1))	0	
9.6.b	How many of these were transfers from detention (Article 28 (5) (b))	0	

9.6.c	How many were Guardianship Orders made by Court (Article 44)	0
9.6.d	Number of new Guardianships accepted during the period (Article 22 (1))	0
9.6.e	Number of Guardianships renewed during the reporting period (Article 23)	0
9.6.f	Number of Guardianships accepted by a nominated other person	0
9.6.g	Number of MHR hearings in respect of people in Guardianship (provide total number)	0
9.6.h	Total number of Discharges from Guardianship during the reporting period (Article 24)	0
<b>Approved Social Worker (ASW) Register</b>		
9.7	Number of newly appointed Approved Social Workers during period	0
9.7.a	Number of Approved Social Workers removed during period	0
9.7.b	Number of Approved Social Workers at period end (who have fulfilled requirements consistent with quality standards)	3
9.7.c	Please provide assurance of HSCT progress in relation to implementation of the ASW Quality Standards 2021. Please include progress as per standards on;  Please see Mental Health Data 9	Please see Mental Health Data 9
9.8	Do any of the returns for detention and Guardianship in this section relate to an individual who was under 18 years old?  If yes, please provide number and advise on any issues presenting	0
9.9	How many times during the reporting period has the Trust notified the Office of Care and Protection under Article 107? Please advise of any issues.	7

<b>The Mental Health Order (NI) 1986 as amended by The Criminal Justice (NI) Order 1996 Article 50(6).</b> <b>Schedule 2A Supervision and Treatment Orders.</b>		
9.10	Number of supervision and treatment orders, (where a Trust social worker is the supervising officer) in force at the 31 <sup>st</sup> March	2
9.11	Of the Total shown at 9.10 how many have their treatment required as:	1
	(a) Treatment as an in-patient	1
	(b) Treatment as an out patient	0
	(c) Treatment by a specified medical practitioner	0
9.12	Of the total shown at 9.10 how many include requirements as to the residence of the supervised person (excluding in-patients)	1
9.13	Of the total shown at 9.10 how many of these supervision and treatment orders were <b>made</b> during the reporting period. Please advise of any issues presenting	0

**DATA RETURN 9 (MCA) – See MENTAL HEALTH RETURN**

# **Primary Care & Older People**

### Primary Care & Older Peoples Services

<b>1 GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>			
		<65	65+
1.1	How many adults were referred for assessment of social work or social care need during the period?	0	8030
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many adults commenced receipt of social work or social care services during the period?	0	6926
1.3	How many adults are in receipt of social work or social care services at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	0	6314
1.3a	How many adults are in receipt of social work support only at 31 <sup>st</sup> March (not reported at 1.4)?	0	170
1.4	How many care packages are in place on 31 <sup>st</sup> March in the following categories:		
	i. Residential Home Care	0	459
	ii. Nursing Home Care	0	943
	iii. Domiciliary Care	0	5821
	iv. Supported Living	0	74
v. Permanent Adult Family Placement	0	0	
1.4a	For all those listed above in 1.4 provide assurance that the Care Management process is being applied in accordance with the DHSSPS Care Management HSC ECCU/1/2010 Circular and the subsequent update within Circular HSC (ECCU) 1/2021.	<b>Yes</b>	
1.6	Number of adults known to the Programme of Care in receipt of Centre based Day Care		
	- Statutory sector	16	138
	- Independent sector	0	279
1.7	Of those at 1.6 how many are EMI / dementia		
	- Statutory sector	0	37
	- Independent sector	0	85
1.9	How many of this Programme of Care clients are in HSC Trust funded social care placements outside Northern Ireland?	0	3

**DATA RETURN 1 – Acute Hospital (general setting)**

<b>1 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ACUTE HOSPITAL (GENERAL SETTING)</b>				
		<18	18-65	65+
1.1	How many adults or children were referred to Hospital Social Workers for assessment during the period?	228	845	6103
1.2	Of those reported at 1.1 how many assessments of need were undertaken during the period? (assessment is to include screening). <b>Please note it is expected that the response for sections 1.1 &amp; 1.2 will be the same</b>	228	845	6103
1.3	How many adults or children are on Hospital Social Workers caseloads at 31 <sup>st</sup> March?	10	122	145

**DATA RETURN 2 – NIL RETURN****DATA RETURN 3 – NIL RETURN**

<b>4 HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI) ORDER 1972;</b>		
4.1	Number of Article 15 (HPSS Order) Payments	8
	Total expenditure for the above payments	£3460
4.2	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in residential care	542
4.3	Number of TRUST FUNDED people in nursing care	1716
4.4	How many of those at 4.3 received only the £100 nursing care allowance?	218

<b>5 CARERS AND DIRECT PAYMENTS ACT 2002</b>				
		16-17	18-64	65+
5.1	Number of adult carers offered individual carers assessments during the period	0	807	3152
5.2	Number of adult individual carers assessments completed during the period	0	704	862
5.2a	Number of adult individual carers assessments declined during the period and the reasons why	0	103	2290
5.3	Of the total at 5.2 in how many of the assessments were the carers, caring for disabled children?	0	96	0
5.4	Number of adult carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0	0	414
5.5	Number of young carers offered individual carers assessments during the period.	36		
5.6	Number of young carers assessments completed during the period	35		
5.7	Number of young carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	58		
5.8	(a) Number of requests for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	106		
	(b) Number of new approvals for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	106		
	(c) Number of adults receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	420		
5.9	Number of children receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	N/A		
5.9.a	Of those at 5.8 how many of these payments are in respect of another person?	69		
5.10	Number of carers receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	39		
5.11	Number of one off Carers Grants made in-year.	1381		

<b>9 The Mental Health (NI) Order 1986</b>			
<b>Admission for Assessment Process Article 4 and 5</b>		<b>TRUST</b>	<b>RESWS</b>
9.1	Total Number of Assessments made by ASWs under the MHO	0	0
9.1.a	Of these how many resulted in an application being made by an ASW under (Article 5.1b)	0	0
9.1.b	How many assessments required the input of a second ASW (Article 5.4a)	0	0
9.1.c	Number of applications made by the nearest relative (Article 5.1.a)	0	
9.1.d	Can the Trust provide assurance that they are meeting their duties under Article 117.1 to take all practical steps to inform the nearest relative at least 7 days prior to discharge.	N/A	
<b>Use of Doctors Holding Powers (Article 7)</b>			
9.2	How many times did a hospital doctor use holding powers?	0	
9.2a	Of these, how many resulted in an application being made?	0	
<b>ASW Applicant reports</b>			
9.3	Number of ASW applicant reports completed	0	
9.3.a	<i>Confirm if these reports were completed within 5 working days</i>	N/A	
<b>Social Circumstances Reports (Article 5.6)</b>			
9.4	Total number of Social Circumstances reports completed.	0	
9.4.a	Confirm if these reports were completed within 14 days?	N/A	
<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b>			
9.5	Number of applications to MHRT in relation to detained patients	0	
<b>Guardianships (Article 18)</b>			
9.6	Number of Guardianships in place in Trust at period end	0	
9.6.a	New applications for Guardianship during period (Article 19(1))	0	
9.6.b	How many of these were transfers from detention (Article 28 (5) (b))	0	

9.6.c	How many were Guardianship Orders made by Court (Article 44)	0
9.6.d	Number of new Guardianships accepted during the period (Article 22 (1))	0
9.6.e	Number of Guardianships renewed during the reporting period (Article 23)	0
9.6.f	Number of Guardianships accepted by a nominated other person	0
9.6.g	Number of MHR hearings in respect of people in Guardianship (provide total number)	0
9.6.h	Total number of Discharges from Guardianship during the reporting period (Article 24)	0
<b>Approved Social Worker (ASW) Register</b>		
9.7	Number of newly appointed Approved Social Workers during period	0
9.7.a	Number of Approved Social Workers removed during period	0
9.7.b	Number of Approved Social Workers at period end (who have fulfilled requirements consistent with quality standards)	6
9.7.c	Please provide assurance of HSCT progress in relation to implementation of the ASW Quality Standards 2021. Please include progress as per standards on;  Please Mental Health Data 9	Please Mental Health Data 9
9.8	Do any of the returns for detention and Guardianship in this section relate to an individual who was under 18 years old?  If yes, please provide number and advise on any issues presenting	0
9.9	How many times during the reporting period has the Trust notified the Office of Care and Protection under Article 107? Please advise of any issues.	7

<b>The Mental Health Order (NI) 1986 as amended by The Criminal Justice (NI) Order 1996 Article 50(6).</b> <b>Schedule 2A Supervision and Treatment Orders.</b>		
9.10	Number of supervision and treatment orders, (where a Trust social worker is the supervising officer) in force at the 31 <sup>st</sup> March	0
9.11	Of the Total shown at 9.10 how many have their treatment required as:	0
	(a) Treatment as an in-patient	0
	(b) Treatment as an out patient	0
	(c) Treatment by a specified medical practitioner	0
9.12	Of the total shown at 9.10 how many include requirements as to the residence of the supervised person (excluding in-patients)	0
9.13	Of the total shown at 9.10 how many of these supervision and treatment orders were <b>made</b> during the reporting period. Please advise of any issues presenting	0

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# **Children's Services**

**DATA RETURN 1 – NIL RETURN**  
**DATA RETURN 2 – NIL RETURN**  
**DATA RETURN 3 – NIL RETURN**  
**DATA RETURN 4 – NIL RETURN**

<b>5 CARERS AND DIRECT PAYMENTS ACT 2002</b>				
		16-17	18-64	65+
5.1	Number of adult carers offered individual carers assessments during the period	129	N/A	N/A
5.2	Number of adult individual carers assessments completed during the period	120	N/A	N/A
5.2a	Number of adult individual carers assessments declined during the period and the reasons why	9	N/A	N/A
5.3	Of the total at 5.2 in how many of the assessments were the carers, caring for disabled children?	99	N/A	N/A
5.4	Number of adult carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	129	N/A	N/A
5.5	Number of young carers offered individual carers assessments during the period.	36		
5.6	Number of young carers assessments completed during the period	35		
5.7	Number of young carers receiving a service @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	58		
5.8	(a) Number of requests for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	11		
	(b) Number of new approvals for direct payments during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9		
	(c) Number of adults receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	N/A		
5.9	Number of children receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	261		
5.9.a	Of those at 5.8 how many of these payments are in respect of another person?	N/A		
5.10	Number of carers receiving direct payments @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March	N/A		
5.11	Number of one off Carers Grants made in-year.	158		

<b>9 The Mental Health (NI) Order 1986</b>			
<b>Admission for Assessment Process Article 4 and 5</b>		<b>TRUST</b>	<b>RESWS</b>
9.1	Total Number of Assessments made by ASWs under the MHO	5	0
9.1.a	Of these how many resulted in an application being made by an ASW under (Article 5.1b)	5	0
9.1.b	How many assessments required the input of a second ASW (Article 5.4a)	0	0
9.1.c	Number of applications made by the nearest relative (Article 5.1.a)	0	
9.1.d	Can the Trust provide assurance that they are meeting their duties under Article 117.1 to take all practical steps to inform the nearest relative at least 7 days prior to discharge.	YES	
<b>Use of Doctors Holding Powers (Article 7)</b>			
9.2	How many times did a hospital doctor use holding powers?	0	
9.2a	Of these, how many resulted in an application being made?	0	
<b>ASW Applicant reports</b>			
9.3	Number of ASW applicant reports completed	5	
9.3.a	<i>Confirm if these reports were completed within 5 working days</i>	Yes	
<b>Social Circumstances Reports (Article 5.6)</b>			
9.4	Total number of Social Circumstances reports completed.	0	
9.4.a	Confirm if these reports were completed within 14 days?	N/A	
<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b>			
9.5	Number of applications to MHRT in relation to detained patients	0	
<b>Guardianships (Article 18)</b>			
9.6	Number of Guardianships in place in Trust at period end	0	
9.6.a	New applications for Guardianship during period (Article 19(1))	0	
9.6.b	How many of these were transfers from detention (Article 28 (5) (b))	0	

9.6.c	How many were Guardianship Orders made by Court (Article 44)	0
9.6.d	Number of new Guardianships accepted during the period (Article 22 (1))	0
9.6.e	Number of Guardianships renewed during the reporting period (Article 23)	0
9.6.f	Number of Guardianships accepted by a nominated other person	0
9.6.g	Number of MHR hearings in respect of people in Guardianship (provide total number)	0
9.6.h	Total number of Discharges from Guardianship during the reporting period (Article 24)	0
<b>Approved Social Worker (ASW) Register</b>		
9.7	Number of newly appointed Approved Social Workers during period	0
9.7.a	Number of Approved Social Workers removed during period	0
9.7.b	Number of Approved Social Workers at period end (who have fulfilled requirements consistent with quality standards)	2
9.7.c	Please provide assurance of HSCT progress in relation to implementation of the ASW Quality Standards 2021. Please include progress as per standards on;  Please Mental Health Data 9	Please Mental Health Data 9
9.8	Do any of the returns for detention and Guardianship in this section relate to an individual who was under 18 years old?  If yes, please provide number and advise on any issues presenting  1. Young person - 17 years of age – Female – not detained returned to children’s home  2. Young person - 16 years of age - Female – detained to Beechcroft  3. Young Person – 17 years of age – Female - voluntary admission to Beechcroft	5

	<p>4. Young Person – 16 years of age – Female – detained to medical ward due to eating disorder</p> <p>5. Young Person - 17 years of age – Female – detained to medical ward due to eating disorder</p>	
9.9	How many times during the reporting period has the Trust notified the Office of Care and Protection under Article 107? Please advise of any issues.	0
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