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Summary

Listed below is a selection of findings relating to activity.

- Of the 1,608 children on the Child Protection Register at 31 March 2003, 30% were aged under five years (Table 1.1).
- 40% of the children on the Child Protection Register at 31 March 2003 fell into the ‘Neglect Only’ category (Table 1.2).
- 42% of all children on the Child Protection Register at 31 March 2003 had been on the Register for one year or more (Table 1.5).
- There were 1,102 registrations of children on to the Child Protection register during the year 1 April 2002–31 March 2003, and 1,005 cases removed from the Register (deregistrations). Nearly half (45%) of the registrations were in Homefirst, North and West Belfast, and South and East Belfast Trusts (Table 1.7 and 1.10).
- Of the 1,320 initial case conferences during the year 2002/2003, 80% involved children in cases which led to registration (Table 1.11).
- There were 26,450 referrals, 15,801 episodes of involvement of children with Social Services and 17,290 children referred during the year 1 April 2002–31 March 2003. 19% of the children were referred to Homefirst HSS Trust (Table 2.1).
- 61% of children referred to Social Services during the year 2002/2003 were allocated for further action (service or assessment) (Table 2.3).
- Of the 2,446 children looked after by Trusts at 31 March 2003, 47% were looked after by Homefirst, Foyle and North and West Belfast HSS Trusts (Table 3.1).
- At 31 March 2003, children aged 12 years or over formed 47% of all children looked after (Table 3.1).

- 56% of all children looked after at 31 March 2003 were under either a Care Order or a Deemed Care Order (Table 3.2).
- Of all children looked after at 31 March 2003, 64% were in foster care, 20% were placed with family and 12% were in residential care (Table 3.3).
- 51% of children looked after at 31 March 2003 were looked after for three years or more and 15% for 10 years or more (Table 3.4).
- There were 849 children accommodated for respite care between 1 April 2002 and 31 March 2003, of whom 36% were accommodated by Homefirst HSS Trust (Table 3.5).
- There were 1,152 admissions to being looked after during 2002/2003. 74% of these admissions were of children accommodated under Article 21 of the Children Order (Table 3.6).
- 68% of admissions to being looked after were to foster care (Table 3.7).
- Of the 1,068 discharges from being looked after during the year 2002/2003, 50% were in respect of periods of less than three months (Table 3.8).
- There were 37 children's homes registered at 31 March 2003, of which 29 were Trust homes (Table 4.1).
- There were 197 day nurseries with 7,798 registered places at 31 March 2003. 46% of the registered places were with South and East Belfast and Homefirst HSS Trusts (Table 5.1).
- At 31 March 2003, there were 4,224 registered childminders providing 21,164 places, of which 57% were for under 5 year-olds (Table 5.2).
- Of the 14,648 places in 607 playgroups at 31 March 2003, 97% were in community/local or private provision (Table 5.3).

- There were 212 out of school clubs at 31 March 2003, with 42% of the 4,773 places provided by the voluntary sector (Table 5.4).
- At 31 March 2003, there were 73 holiday schemes providing 1,403 places. Of these places, 48% were in South and East Belfast and Craigavon and Banbridge HSS Trusts (Table 5.5).
- Of the 2,155 families and 3,010 children attending Family Centres in the Year 1 April–31 March 2003, 46% and 36% respectively were from North and West Belfast HSS Trust (Table 5.6).
- Of the 75 children who were in hospital for periods of more than three months during the year 1 April 2002–31 March 2003, 68% were in hospitals in the Eastern HSS Board area (Table 6.1).

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Children on Child Protection Register

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Table 1.1: Number Of Children On Child Protection Register By Gender And Age At 31 March 2003.

Provider	Under 1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	2	0	11	10	13	18	9	8	2	3	37	39	76
Causeway HSS Trust	2	1	6	5	19	14	6	5	1	1	34	26	60
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	6	2	3	4	11	5	3	2	0	1	23	14	37
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	5	19	18	42	37	20	13	0	3	87	76	163
Foyle HSS Trust	3	4	18	22	37	36	24	25	5	16	87	103	190
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4	9	29	29	44	33	15	25	1	8	93	104	197
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	4	2	12	7	21	10	8	12	1	4	46	35	81
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	10	7	36	28	72	68	41	32	4	8	163	143	306
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	6	5	26	30	42	40	24	30	7	9	105	114	219
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	4	4	16	15	30	38	21	15	3	2	74	74	148
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	3	3	29	22	25	27	9	9	1	3	67	64	131
Northern Ireland	50	42	205	190	356	326	180	176	25	58	816	792	1608

Source: CPR 1

Table 1.2: Number Of Children On Child Protection Register At 31 March 2003 By Category Of Abuse Where Category Of Abuse Is Confirmed, Suspected Or Potential.

Provider	Neglect, Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse	Neglect and Physical Abuse	Neglect and Sexual Abuse	Physical and Sexual Abuse	Neglect Only	Physical Abuse Only	Sexual Abuse Only	Emotional Abuse Only	All Categories
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	13	1	1	18	13	15	12	76
Causeway HSS Trust	0	5	4	0	33	10	7	1	60
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	1	0	0	11	14	7	4	37
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	13	0	3	73	43	20	11	163
Foyle HSS Trust	3	28	2	3	70	43	10	31	190
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	9	5	7	76	37	32	31	197
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	1	1	1	35	26	12	5	81
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	11	2	8	171	67	20	26	306
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	14	2	4	76	62	17	44	219
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	18	5	1	69	22	22	9	148
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	6	1	0	19	39	16	50	131
Northern Ireland	9	119	23	28	651	376	178	224	1608

Source: CPR2

Table 1.3: Number Of Referrals To Child Protection Register Made During Year By Source Of Referral.

Provider	School Voluntary		Social Community			Neighbour			Hospital	Self Anon	Other	Total	
	Police/EWO*	Org.	GP	Services	Nursing	Relative	/Friend						
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	15	15	0	0	80	16	38	7	3	2	26	31	233
Causeway HSS Trust	41	6	1	2	26	4	21	6	3	2	10	25	147
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	45	16	2	0	86	8	33	7	6	3	18	8	232
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	47	25	3	8	87	13	51	2	9	5	39	37	326
Foyle HSS Trust	41	42	6	4	100	6	42	9	10	8	44	40	352
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	37	34	0	9	160	13	18	0	8	3	10	28	320
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	13	11	2	4	81	11	15	9	34	5	15	15	215
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	43	49	7	2	276	9	34	3	6	6	6	24	465
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	14	20	4	2	44	6	10	2	27	1	7	16	153
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	13	9	0	3	88	3	13	3	4	3	4	9	152
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	30	19	2	2	43	16	37	2	5	3	6	7	172
Northern Ireland	339	246	27	36	1071	105	312	50	115	41	185	240	2767

Notes

*EWO – Educational Welfare Officer

Source: CPR3

Table 1.4: Legal Status Of All Children On Child Protection Register At 31 March 2003.

Provider	Emergency Protection Order (Article 63 & 64)	Accommodated Under Article 21	Interim Care Order (Article 57)	Care Order (Art 50 or 59)	Deemed Care Order (Paras 11 & 30 of Sch 8)	Interim Supervision Order (Article 57)	Other	None	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	1	1	17	1	0	0	2	54	76
Causeway HSS Trust	0	9	3	6	0	0	0	42	60
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	31	37
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	19	8	10	0	0	0	126	163
Foyle HSS Trust	1	14	13	8	4	5	3	142	190
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	8	33	3	1	0	2	150	197
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	66	81
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	38	20	20	4	0	3	221	306
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	2	14	19	14	3	1	0	166	219
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	132	148
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	13	24	4	0	0	0	90	131
Northern Ireland	10	134	148	67	12	6	11	1220	1608

Source: CPR4

Table 1.5: Length Of Time On Child Protection Register For All Current Cases At 31 March 2003.

Provider	< 3 mths	3 mths < 6 mths	6 mths < 1 yr	1 yr < 2 yrs	2 yrs < 3 yrs	3+ yrs	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	19	12	19	22	0	4	76
Causeway HSS Trust	8	12	13	19	1	7	60
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	20	4	9	4	0	0	37
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	52	22	25	42	6	16	163
Foyle HSS Trust	35	6	34	62	26	27	190
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	36	42	60	33	18	8	197
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	6	11	21	27	13	3	81
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	36	67	67	87	22	27	306
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	26	25	62	52	26	28	219
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	41	26	37	19	7	18	148
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	28	14	39	33	8	9	131
Northern Ireland	307	241	386	400	127	147	1608

Source: CPR5

Table 1.6: Number Of Investigations Completed During Year Ending 31 March 2003 Under Child Protection Procedures.

Provider	Joint Protocol Investigation	Social Work Investigation	Police Investigation	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	17	74	1	92
Causeway HSS Trust	25	97	4	126
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	17	6	0	23
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	23	174	10	207
Foyle HSS Trust	53	261	6	320
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	55	265	5	325
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	70	66	1	137
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	66	384	4	454
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	37	97	2	136
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	32	118	2	152
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	22	154	1	177
Northern Ireland	417	1696	36	2149

Source: CPR6

Table 1.7: Number Of Registrations During Year To 31 March 2003 By Gender And Age.

Provider	Under 1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	3	6	5	13	11	5	7	0	2	27	28	55
Causeway HSS Trust	3	3	6	4	10	6	4	5	0	0	23	18	41
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	6	4	6	8	18	8	5	7	0	0	35	27	62
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	9	7	14	15	25	23	12	9	0	1	60	55	115
Foyle HSS Trust	4	8	9	12	20	17	4	9	1	0	38	46	84
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	9	17	35	31	35	25	13	25	0	3	92	101	193
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	4	3	8	3	9	4	1	8	0	0	22	18	40
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	14	10	17	14	45	41	16	21	1	1	93	87	180
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	8	8	17	20	29	21	6	14	1	2	61	65	126
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	4	4	12	12	21	28	12	13	2	1	51	58	109
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	6	6	15	10	22	16	9	10	0	3	52	45	97
Northern Ireland	70	73	145	134	247	200	87	128	5	13	554	548	1102

Source: CPR7

Table 1.8: Total Number Of Registrations During Year To 31 March 2003 Where Category Of Abuse Is Confirmed, Suspected Or Potential.

Provider	Neglect, Physical and Sexual Abuse	Neglect and Physical Abuse	Neglect and Sexual Abuse	Physical and Sexual Abuse	Neglect Only	Physical Abuse Only	Sexual Abuse Only	Emotional Abuse Only	All Categories
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	10	1	1	11	14	7	8	55
Causeway HSS Trust	0	8	0	0	17	11	3	2	41
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	2	0	0	17	21	11	11	62
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	7	0	2	47	38	10	11	115
Foyle HSS Trust	0	24	1	0	28	23	1	7	84
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	7	6	9	80	44	27	20	193
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	18	6	11	5	40
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	3	1	8	96	42	12	17	180
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	7	0	3	39	38	9	30	126
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	10	5	1	40	26	18	7	109
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	6	1	0	10	34	9	37	97
Northern Ireland	6	84	15	24	403	297	118	155	1102

Source: CPR8

Table 1.9: Total Number Of Re-Registrations To Child Protection Register During Year Ending 31 March 2003.

Provider	Total number of re-registrations to Child Protection Register during year ending 31 March 2003
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	0
Causeway HSS Trust	10
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	18
Foyle HSS Trust	17
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	28
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	48
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	18
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	26
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	29
Northern Ireland	196

Source: CPR9

Table 1.10: Cases Removed From Child Protection Register During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Length Of Time On Child Protection Register.

Provider	Less than 3 mths	3 mths < 6 mths	6 mths < 1 year	1 year < 2 years	2 years < 3 years	3 years < 5 years	5 years < 10 years	10+ years	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	7	6	16	0	2	0	0	34
Causeway HSS Trust	2	5	19	24	6	1	0	0	57
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	7	12	44	6	0	0	0	0	69
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	4	6	33	37	13	6	2	0	101
Foyle HSS Trust	1	7	36	60	21	14	3	0	142
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	3	35	86	58	18	1	0	0	201
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	2	11	11	8	0	0	0	32
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	8	30	50	37	11	6	0	142
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	6	5	20	25	15	15	0	0	86
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	6	16	8	0	6	3	0	39
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	18	28	27	13	7	8	0	102
Northern Ireland	27	111	329	322	131	63	22	0	1005

Source: CPR10

Table 1.11: Initial Case Conferences During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Outcome.

Provider	Children who were subject to initial case conferences which led to registration	Children who were subject to initial case conferences which did NOT lead to registration	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	55	8	63
Causeway HSS Trust	37	8	45
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	62	13	75
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	115	8	123
Foyle HSS Trust	72	33	105
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	188	67	255
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	40	6	46
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	176	54	230
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	112	35	147
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	108	10	118
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	95	18	113
Northern Ireland	1060	260	1320

Source: CPR 11

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Table 2.1: Number Of Referrals, Episodes And Children Referred To Social Services During Year Ending 31 March 2003.

Provider	Number of Referrals	Number of Episodes	Number of Children
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	1416	724	931
Causeway HSS Trust	1435	1035	1059
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2274	1486	1573
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	2163	1314	1459
Foyle HSS Trust	2104	1204	1539
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4524	3440	3271
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	796	672	686
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	2295	1750	1894
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	5068	1395	1759
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2572	1413	1724
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1803	1368	1395
Northern Ireland	26450	15801	17290

Source: N1

Table 2.2: Children Referred During The Year, The Number At 31 March 2003, By Gender And Age .

Provider	0-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	172	27	194	154	91	106	27	43	484	330	814
Causeway HSS Trust	106	108	173	107	271	149	108	61	658	425	1083
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	200	64	297	241	229	255	64	74	790	634	1424
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	241	66	286	216	187	184	66	78	780	544	1324
Foyle HSS Trust	245	33	283	269	182	221	33	73	743	596	1339
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	388	249	552	379	754	458	249	178	1943	1264	3207
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	117	23	116	98	92	106	23	41	348	268	616
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	321	111	344	287	255	210	111	90	1031	698	1729
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	256	102	347	279	210	227	102	112	915	720	1635
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	263	78	371	287	284	185	78	85	996	635	1631
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	197	98	262	198	226	167	98	75	783	538	1321
Northern Ireland	2506	959	3225	2515	2781	2268	959	910	9471	6652	16123

Source: N2

Table 2.3: Children Referred During The Year, The Number At 31 March 2003, By Current Status And Gender.

Provider	Inappropriate Referral		No further action required work completed/dealt with at source		No further action taken - unmet need		Allocation for further action - service /assessment		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	1	3	35	35	0	0	306	283	142	126	484	447	931
Causeway HSS Trust	4	3	395	192	0	1	155	112	104	88	658	396	1054
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	18	10	110	103	0	0	546	552	116	118	790	783	1573
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	8	131	110	2	2	598	522	43	35	780	677	1457
Foyle HSS Trust	1	0	81	84	29	30	536	576	96	99	743	789	1532
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4	9	961	465	0	1	911	791	67	59	1943	1325	3268
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	5	73	77	8	2	174	167	91	87	348	338	686
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	0	316	217	0	1	515	449	199	188	1031	855	1886
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	4	1	277	289	16	14	499	414	119	122	915	840	1755
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	5	2	183	82	0	0	684	568	124	76	996	728	1724
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	5	106	64	0	0	654	518	23	25	783	612	1395
Northern Ireland	46	46	2668	1718	55	51	5578	4952	1124	1023	9471	7790	17261

Source: N2

Table 2.4: Number Of Children With A Disability/Mental Health Problem Referred During Year Ending 31 March 2003.

Provider	Visually Disabled		Hearing Impaired		Physically Disabled		Learning Disabled		Mental Health		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	3	0	2	6	3	11	2	0	0	20	10	30
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	1	1	8	5	19	13	0	0	28	19	47
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	4	7	4	2	9	3	36	28	0	0	53	40	93
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	3	3	2	3	18	17	41	13	1	0	65	36	101
Foyle HSS Trust	6	12	7	3	61	33	24	19	0	0	98	67	165
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	5	9	4	7	18	16	63	30	0	0	90	62	152
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	5	2	2	0	4	2	6	0	0	0	17	4	21
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	10	4	5	6	37	26	14	5	1	0	67	41	108
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	5	9	3	15	13	18	12	3	0	45	33	78
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	3	4	2	40	23	75	32	0	0	121	60	181
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	5	3	5	5	7	8	13	5	5	11	35	32	67
Northern Ireland	43	51	43	34	223	149	320	159	10	11	639	404	1043

Source: N3

Table 2.5: Number Of Episodes, By Presenting Category, During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Gender.

Provider	Awaiting Assessment		Child Subject to Child Protection Investigation		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	293	287	52	59	0	0	345	346	691
Causeway HSS Trust	583	308	36	46	0	0	619	354	973
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	644	651	70	75	0	0	714	726	1440
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	581	484	86	97	0	1	667	582	1249
Foyle HSS Trust	480	523	83	78	6	5	569	606	1175
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	1913	1189	69	109	1	0	1983	1298	3281
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	243	237	92	90	0	0	335	327	662
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	825	668	115	111	0	0	940	779	1719
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	661	611	23	29	0	0	684	640	1324
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	755	561	17	25	2	1	774	587	1361
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	719	557	40	52	0	0	759	609	1368
Northern Ireland	7697	6076	683	771	9	7	8389	6854	15243

Source: N4

Table 2.6: Number Of Episodes, By Presenting Category, During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Religion And Gender.

Provider	Roman Catholic		Church of Ireland				Methodist		Other		None		Refused /Unknown		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	336	335	345	346	691
Causeway HSS Trust	5	6	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	55	47	554	300	619	354	973
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	50	49	1	2	8	5	0	1	33	43	83	86	539	540	714	726	1440
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	101	90	6	7	4	10	0	0	13	6	8	1	535	468	667	582	1249
Foyle HSS Trust	83	102	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	16	6	7	470	478	570	605	1175
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	49	28	15	15	5	5	6	1	7	2	11	4	1890	1243	1983	1298	3281
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	4	322	308	335	327	662
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	186	162	6	4	6	9	0	0	3	4	33	37	706	563	940	779	1719
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	2	5	6	6	24	16	1	0	6	9	2	4	643	600	684	640	1324
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	94	92	2	4	23	37	3	2	5	6	1	1	646	445	774	587	1361
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	4	2	3	4	5	0	0	13	13	283	240	455	344	759	609	1368
Northern Ireland	584	558	42	41	76	91	10	4	95	103	487	432	7096	5624	8390	6853	15243

Source: N5a

Table 2.7: Number Of Episodes, By Presenting Category, During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Ethnic Group And Gender.

Provider	White		Chinese		Traveller		Indian Sub-Continent		Black		Other		Refused /Unknown		Total		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
	Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	7	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	337	336		345
Causeway HSS Trust	29	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	590	342	619	354	973
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	370	373	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	80	85	259	268	714	726	1440	
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	226	161	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	436	419	667	582	1249	
Foyle HSS Trust	304	332	1	0	4	3	0	4	2	4	0	0	259	262	570	605	1175	
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	163	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1818	1205	1983	1298	3281	
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	319	308	335	327	662	
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	346	300	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	588	476	940	779	1719	
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	68	70	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	610	563	684	640	1324	
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	273	254	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	499	331	774	587	1361	
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	29	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	730	582	759	609	1368	
Northern Ireland	1829	1644	4	2	17	5	4	5	2	4	89	101	6445	5092	8390	6853	15243	

Source: N5b

Table 2.8: Number Of Episodes, Category After Initial Assessment During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Gender.

Provider	Child Subject to Child Protection Investigation		Child With a Disability Who May Require Social Services		A child whose carers require support and assistance in order that they might provide a reasonable standard of care		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	57	61	14	4	75	72	10	16	156	153	309
Causeway HSS Trust	33	46	12	1	17	24	10	2	72	73	145
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	71	81	29	30	286	256	60	80	446	447	893
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	92	102	60	28	191	164	28	35	371	329	700
Foyle HSS Trust	81	72	54	29	193	238	16	19	344	358	702
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	83	113	31	25	360	286	44	42	518	466	984
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	97	96	10	10	37	26	9	6	153	138	291
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	114	110	20	13	155	140	19	13	308	276	584
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	34	32	33	23	63	51	8	3	138	109	247
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	17	20	38	19	316	309	13	13	384	361	745
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	40	47	14	5	445	390	4	1	503	443	946
Northern Ireland	719	780	315	187	2138	1956	221	230	3393	3153	6546

Notes:

Children awaiting assessment, assessed as not in need, or whose need was unmet have been excluded from this table.

Source: N6

Table 2.9: Number Of Episodes, Category After Initial Assessment During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Religion And Gender.

Provider	Roman Catholic		Church of Ireland				Methodist		Other		None		Refused /Unknown		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	216	232	222	239	461
Causeway HSS Trust	3	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	23	428	232	466	260	726
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	44	41	1	1	7	5	0	1	25	39	84	93	525	521	686	701	1387
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	97	76	6	7	3	10	0	0	11	5	7	1	466	412	590	511	1101
Foyle HSS Trust	66	77	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	12	6	6	360	378	442	474	916
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	44	22	15	13	4	5	4	1	6	1	9	4	1712	1095	1794	1141	2935
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	3	215	191	223	206	429
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	108	92	4	4	6	9	0	0	3	4	20	34	541	421	682	564	1246
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	1	5	5	4	18	9	1	0	6	4	2	4	457	429	490	455	945
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	74	74	2	3	19	32	2	0	4	5	1	1	468	323	570	438	1008
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	4	2	2	4	4	0	0	12	13	266	227	411	306	697	556	1253
Northern Ireland	446	411	39	34	63	76	7	2	81	86	427	396	5799	4540	6862	5545	12407

Source: N7a

Table 2.10: Number Of Episodes, Category After Initial Assessment During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Ethnic Group And Gender.

Provider	White		Chinese		Traveller		Indian Sub-Continent		Black		Other		Refused /Unknown		Total		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216	232	222	239	461
Causeway HSS Trust	17	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	449	253	466	260	726
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	296	311	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	84	94	302	296	686	701	1387	
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	207	143	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	379	366	590	511	1101	
Foyle HSS Trust	233	248	0	0	3	2	0	4	2	4	0	0	204	216	442	474	916	
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	136	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1656	1065	1794	1141	2935	
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	214	192	223	206	429	
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	220	192	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	456	369	682	564	1246	
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	52	41	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	435	408	490	455	945	
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	203	195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	365	243	570	438	1008	
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	29	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	668	532	697	556	1253	
Northern Ireland	1406	1254	1	2	14	2	3	5	2	4	92	106	5344	4172	6862	5545	12407	

Source: N7b

Section 3

Children Looked After

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Table 3.1: Children Looked After At 31 March 2003 By Gender and Age.

Provider	Under 1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	4	2	13	12	16	18	19	22	8	6	60	60	120
Causeway HSS Trust	0	1	7	8	23	29	28	24	12	12	70	74	144
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	3	2	8	6	16	12	17	9	11	10	55	39	94
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	4	3	12	14	34	31	52	22	19	17	121	87	208
Foyle HSS Trust	1	4	25	32	65	84	54	50	22	36	167	206	373
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	6	8	52	37	87	76	61	50	29	33	235	204	439
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	2	10	5	7	13	12	14	5	4	36	38	74
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	3	5	19	16	75	67	56	52	27	25	180	165	345
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	4	26	21	57	38	40	47	41	27	167	137	304
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	1	8	8	20	19	20	16	12	11	60	55	115
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	2	11	14	57	28	35	38	16	29	119	111	230
Northern Ireland	26	34	191	173	457	415	394	344	202	210	1270	1176	2446

Source: LA1

Table 3.2: Children Looked After At 31 March 2003 By Legal Status And Gender.

Provider	Accommodated Under Article 21		Interim Care Order (Article 57)		Care Order (Article 50 or 59)		Deemed Care Order (Paras 11 & 30 of Sch 8)		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	21	17	16	15	12	21	10	5	1	2	60	60	120
Causeway HSS Trust	29	29	6	7	19	16	16	21	0	1	70	74	144
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	17	11	6	6	26	15	6	7	0	0	55	39	94
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	49	28	16	12	26	21	30	25	0	1	121	87	208
Foyle HSS Trust	38	60	23	27	54	66	48	49	4	4	167	206	373
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	33	32	39	30	80	73	63	52	20	17	235	204	439
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	19	18	6	7	7	3	4	10	0	0	36	38	74
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	44	28	12	12	67	71	54	50	3	4	180	165	345
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	36	35	22	15	63	47	44	38	2	2	167	137	304
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	21	17	3	7	16	17	16	11	4	3	60	55	115
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	57	41	20	20	33	46	7	3	2	1	119	111	230
Northern Ireland	364	316	169	158	403	396	298	271	36	35	1270	1176	2446

Source: LA1

Table 3.3: Children Looked After At 31 March 2003 By Placement And Gender.

Provider	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed with Family		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	5	26	41	29	12	2	2	60	60	120
Causeway HSS Trust	7	2	42	58	14	11	7	3	70	74	144
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	10	4	42	30	3	4	0	1	55	39	94
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	17	13	62	48	34	25	8	1	121	87	208
Foyle HSS Trust	17	30	123	143	24	30	3	3	167	206	373
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	27	25	153	134	46	40	9	5	235	204	439
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	7	2	23	30	1	4	5	2	36	38	74
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	31	12	127	134	19	14	3	5	180	165	345
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	21	19	101	77	41	37	4	4	167	137	304
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	7	3	42	37	11	12	0	3	60	55	115
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	16	18	53	51	46	37	4	5	119	111	230
Northern Ireland	163	133	794	783	268	226	45	34	1270	1176	2446

Source: LA2

Table 3.4: Children Looked After At 31 March 2003 By Duration Of Being Looked After By Gender.

Provider	<3 mths		3 mths <1 year		1 year <3 years		3 years <5 years		5 years <10 years		10+ years		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	7	7	14	8	19	24	8	9	8	9	4	3	60	60	120
Causeway HSS Trust	6	3	16	16	18	24	9	6	14	18	7	7	70	74	144
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	7	1	10	11	21	9	6	8	7	3	4	7	55	39	94
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	16	9	18	14	30	23	13	7	28	18	16	16	121	87	208
Foyle HSS Trust	4	10	16	20	34	65	51	43	32	34	30	34	167	206	373
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	12	10	41	39	63	47	33	31	51	48	35	29	235	204	439
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	6	8	7	6	16	11	3	1	4	12	0	0	36	38	74
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	9	3	30	24	45	45	21	25	34	30	41	38	180	165	345
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	6	30	11	42	39	33	29	32	34	27	18	167	137	304
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	8	7	9	8	9	12	12	8	12	14	10	6	60	55	115
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	4	2	16	18	36	26	30	23	21	23	12	19	119	111	230
Northern Ireland	82	66	207	175	333	325	219	190	243	243	186	177	1270	1176	2446

Source: LA3

Table 3.5: Children Accommodated For Respite Care During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Placement And Gender.

Provider	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed with Family		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	1	0	28	26	2	1	0	0	31	27	58
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	26	32	1	3	1	0	28	35	63
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2	0	10	16	1	1	24	7	37	24	61
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	6	16	10	6	6	0	0	28	22	50
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	24	29	1	4	0	0	25	33	58
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	60	38	51	55	53	45	1	0	165	138	303
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	0	9	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	20
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	15	20	2	1	0	0	17	21	38
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	1	34	26	0	0	0	0	34	27	61
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	16	11	0	0	0	0	16	11	27
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	30	17	25	34	2	1	0	1	57	53	110
Northern Ireland	100	62	254	269	68	62	26	8	448	401	849

Source: LA5

Table 3.6: Number Of Admissions During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Legal Status And Gender.

Provider	Emergency Protection Order (Article 63 & 64)		Accommodated Under Article 21		Interim Care Order (Article 57)		Care Order (Article 50 or 59)		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	2	11	15	10	7	0	0	1	0	25	24	49
Causeway HSS Trust	4	4	33	25	2	3	0	1	1	2	40	35	75
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	3	2	15	17	5	5	0	0	0	0	23	24	47
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	3	4	49	25	6	9	2	2	0	2	60	42	102
Foyle HSS Trust	4	8	27	42	6	4	4	2	0	0	41	56	97
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	7	9	86	82	22	22	0	2	20	16	135	131	266
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	0	14	14	2	4	0	0	0	0	17	18	35
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	4	3	41	25	5	8	1	2	0	0	51	38	89
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	7	3	113	123	8	9	0	0	0	0	128	135	263
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	4	4	54	25	2	1	0	0	0	0	60	30	90
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	5	11	4	6	10	0	0	2	0	20	19	39
Northern Ireland	41	44	454	397	74	82	7	9	24	20	600	552	1152

Source: LA6

Table 3.7: Number Of Admissions During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Gender And Placement.

Provider	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed with Family		Other		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	2	2	14	17	9	5	0	0	25	24	49
Causeway HSS Trust	4	1	24	26	2	2	10	6	40	35	75
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	6	4	13	19	4	1	0	0	23	24	47
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	28	15	16	11	9	11	7	5	60	42	102
Foyle HSS Trust	6	10	25	34	10	10	0	2	41	56	97
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	3	10	100	98	28	23	4	0	135	131	266
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	3	14	10	2	5	0	0	17	18	35
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	15	6	22	18	14	14	0	0	51	38	89
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	6	5	111	122	8	8	3	0	128	135	263
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	3	0	52	21	5	8	0	1	60	30	90
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	8	7	8	5	4	7	0	0	20	19	39
Northern Ireland	82	63	399	381	95	94	24	14	600	552	1152

Source: LA7

Table 3.8: Number Of Discharges During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Duration Of Being Looked After And Gender.

Provider	<3 mths		3 mths <1 year		1 year <3 years		3 years <5 years		5 years <10 years		10+ years		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
	Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	5	7	8	12	4	1	4	3	3	1	2	27	
Causeway HSS Trust	13	14	9	7	7	6	0	0	5	2	3	1	37	30	67
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	5	11	8	4	5	1	4	1	0	1	2	1	24	19	43
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	19	8	13	14	4	4	6	3	2	3	7	11	51	43	94
Foyle HSS Trust	16	19	8	9	2	8	8	9	2	4	8	5	44	54	98
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	66	63	10	11	9	12	6	9	15	9	8	6	114	110	224
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	1	1	5	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	3	4	15	19
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	7	9	13	5	9	7	6	6	6	2	12	8	53	37	90
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	93	118	7	5	4	6	7	5	2	3	3	4	116	141	257
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	42	15	2	2	7	4	3	1	3	3	4	2	61	27	88
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	2	6	4	3	9	0	3	2	1	0	3	13	22	35
Northern Ireland	266	265	84	74	63	63	41	43	41	33	49	46	544	524	1068

Source: LA8

Table 3.9: Number Of Discharges Of Young Persons Aged 16 And Over During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Gender And Age.

Provider	16		17		18		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	3	3	0	2	3	2	6	7	13
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	3
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	8
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	2	3	2	9	10	18	14	32
Foyle HSS Trust	1	0	1	1	9	14	11	15	26
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	3	4	3	3	13	12	19	19	38
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	5	6
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	5	2	0	2	16	14	21	18	39
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	12	1	2	1	7	8	21	10	31
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	1	0	1	6	4	8	6	14
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	4	6
Northern Ireland	34	15	11	15	68	73	113	103	216

Source: LA9

Table 3.10: Number Of Young Persons Under 18 Years Who Are/Were Looked After During Year Ending 31 March 2003 But Are In ‘Independent Living’ By Gender And Age.

Provider	Under 16		16		17		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	0	2	3	3	0	0	3	5	8
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge HSS Trust	0	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	5
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	2	1	4	4	6	5	11
Northern Ireland	3	2	6	7	10	5	19	14	33

Source: LA10

Table 3.11: Number Of Young Persons Between 16 And 21 Who Are/Were Looked After And Received Services During Year Ending 31 March 2003 By Service Type And Gender.

Provider	Financial Assistance		Ongoing Social Work		Other Agency Involvement		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	9	11	17	18	24	31	50	60	110
Causeway HSS Trust	9	9	16	11	0	0	25	20	45
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	24	9	53	19	42	23	119	51	170
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	25	12	52	25	0	0	77	37	114
Foyle HSS Trust	34	13	54	30	0	0	88	43	131
Homefirst HSS Trust	42	18	62	27	0	0	104	45	149
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	8	3	11	7	0	0	19	10	29
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	52	36	79	45	89	62	220	143	363
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	49	19	69	21	0	0	118	40	158
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	2	24	14	0	0	25	16	41
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	15	11	31	22	0	0	46	33	79
Northern Ireland	268	143	468	239	155	116	891	498	1389

Notes:

Figures refer to the number of services provided in each category.

Source: LA11

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Table 4.1: Residential Accommodation For Children By Type Of Home At 31 March 2003.

Provider	Number of Premises At 31 March			Places Available At 31 March			Average Weekly Occupied Places Throughout Year		
	Statutory	Voluntary	Total	Statutory	Voluntary	Total	Statutory	Voluntary	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	2	0	2	14	0	14	8	0	8
Causeway HSS Trust	1	0	1	8	0	8	8	0	8
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2	1	3	13	4	18	10	0	10
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	5	0	5	34	0	34	27	0	27
Foyle HSS Trust	4	0	4	42	0	42	42	0	42
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4	2	6	44	11	55	42	4	46
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	1	2	6	4	10	5	4	9
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	3	1	4	24	35	59	22	33	55
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	0	3	24	0	24	25	0	25
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	0	2	11	0	11	9	0	9
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	2	3	5	28	17	45	25	18	43
Northern Ireland	29	8	37	248	71	319	223	59	282

Notes:

The figures for average occupied places exclude children accommodated for respite care.

Source: Central Returns HM2, HM5

Table 4.2: Children’s Homes – Facilities Available Within Homes By Trust.

Provider	Educational Activities	Observation and Assessment	Facilities for children with both a learning & physical/sensory disability	Facilities for children with learning disability only	Facilities for children with a physical/sensory disability only	Hostel (semi-independent unit)	Provision for respite care (24 hrs or more)	Provision for secure accommodation	Facilities for children on remand or police bail	Other
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	2	0	3	1	2	4	0	0	1
Foyle HSS Trust	0	4	4	1	1	3	3	0	0	0
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	1	3	3	2	0	4	4	1	1	0
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	2	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	2	1	4	1	0	3	1	0	1
Northern Ireland	7	24	16	12	6	10	26	2	3	8

Source: HM4

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Table 5.1: Day Nursery Services At 31 March 2003.

Provider	Voluntary Agencies		Private Organisations		Other Organisations		Total		Total No. of Children Placed and Paid for by the Trust in Day Nurseries During Year Ending 31 March 2003
	No. of Day Nurseries	No. of Registered Places	No. of Day Nurseries	No. of Registered Places	No. of Day Nurseries	No. of Registered Places	No. of Day Nurseries	No. of Registered Places	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	0	0	7	255	0	0	7	255	28
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	5	223	1	42	6	265	13
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2	119	10	519	2	48	14	686	51
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	20	661	1	43	21	704	0
Foyle HSS Trust	8	221	5	202	0	0	13	423	11
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	44	1732	0	0	44	1732	32
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	18	8	292	0	0	10	310	60
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	20	3	218	11	417	15	655	286
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	2	51	36	1664	1	28	39	1743	11
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	3	158	9	257	0	0	12	415	6
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	16	610	0	0	16	610	24
Northern Ireland	18	587	163	6633	16	578	197	7798	522

Source: DC1 & DC1a

Table 5.2: Day Care Services For Children Under 12: Childminders.

Provider	Registered Childminders			Sponsored Childminders			Total No. of Children Placed and Paid for by the Trust with Sponsored Childminders During Year Ending 31 March 2003	
	No. of Persons	No. of Places	No. of Designated Places for Under 5 Year Olds	No. of Persons	No. of Places	No. of Designated Places for Under 5 Year Olds	< 5 years	5 - 12 Yrs
	Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	134	645	357	8	32	20	25
Causeway HSS Trust	293	1573	819	35	210	105	1	13
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	239	930	572	10	20	10	13	12
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	465	2756	1379	0	0	0	28	11
Foyle HSS Trust	262	994	645	10	50	30	11	9
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	887	4040	2530	208	127	0	72	12
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	42	109	0	0	0	0	3	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	580	3480	2088	30	90	59	42	37
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	545	3135	2125	26	60	45	73	29
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	211	857	507	0	0	0	2	0
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	566	2645	993	23	19	9	9	10
Northern Ireland	4224	21164	12015	350	608	278	279	140

Source: DC2 & DC2a

Table 5.3: Day Care Services For Children Under 12: Playgroups.

Provider	Trust		Voluntary Agencies		Community/Local		Private Provision		Total		Total No. of Children Placed and Paid for by the Trust in Playgroups During The Year Ending 31 March 2003
	No. of Playgroups	No. of Places	No. of Playgroups	No. of Places	No. of Playgroups	No. of Places	No. of Playgroups	No. of Places	No. of Playgroups	No. of Places	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	38	839	6	120	44	959	14
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	29	708	6	146	35	854	12
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	2	52	24	556	5	124	31	732	33
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	2	38	65	1365	9	116	76	1519	45
Foyle HSS Trust	3	82	0	0	55	1392	1	24	59	1498	11
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	3	125	99	2452	10	224	112	2801	50
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	25	693	0	0	25	693	17
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	24	0	0	43	1364	0	0	44	1388	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	3	56	44	1014	18	396	65	1466	5
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	24	4	92	47	1111	6	123	58	1350	9
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	43	1061	15	327	58	1388	14
Northern Ireland	5	130	14	363	512	12555	76	1600	607	14648	210

Source: DC3 & DC3a

Table 5.4: Day Care Services For Children Under 12: Out Of School Clubs.

Provider	Trust		Education & Library Boards		District Councils		Voluntary Agencies		Other Organisations		Total	
	No. of Clubs	No. of Places	No. of Clubs	No. of Places	No. of Clubs	No. of Places	No. of Clubs	No. of Places	No. of Clubs	No. of Places	No. of Clubs	No. of Places
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	364	0	0	17	364
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	90	2	49	8	139
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	255	9	176	19	431
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	1	26	0	0	0	0	3	70	11	250	15	346
Foyle HSS Trust	2	60	0	0	0	0	16	358	5	134	23	552
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	394	8	171	26	565
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	184	9	184
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	924	40	948
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	3	72	1	16	20	455	24	543
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	439	2	40	21	479
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	10	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	222
Northern Ireland	14	332	0	0	3	72	90	1986	105	2383	212	4773

Source: DC4

Table 5.5: Day Care Services For Children Under 12: Holiday Schemes.

Provider	Trust		ELB		District Council		Vol Agency		Partnership with Trust		Other		Total	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Places	No. of Schemes	No. of Places	No. of Schemes	No. of Places	No. of Schemes	No. of Places	No. of Schemes	No. of Places	No. of Schemes	No. of Places	No. of Schemes	No. of Places
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	2	48	0	0	12	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	15	88
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	59	9	227	18	318
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	3	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	4	140
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	160	0	0	15	64	23	224
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	208	0	0	0	0	7	208
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	356	4	356
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	1	8
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	61
Northern Ireland	7	261	0	0	12	0	16	408	9	67	29	667	73	1403

Notes:

Information on number of District Council places is not available for all schemes.

Source: DC5

Table 5.6: Day Care Services For Children Under 12: Family Centres.

Provider	Trust		Vol Org/Grant Aided		Other		Total		No. Placed and Paid for by Trust in Non-Trust Family Centres	
	No. of Families	No. of Children	No. of Families	No. of Children	No. of Families	No. of Children	No. of Families	No. of Children	No. of Families	No. of Children
	Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	62	169	0	0	9	26	71	195	0
Causeway HSS Trust	22	58	0	0	0	0	22	58	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	8	25	8	22	16	47	0	0
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	139	113	25	22	0	0	164	135	25	22
Foyle HSS Trust	100	295	7	40	0	0	107	335	11	19
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	377	499	87	106	0	0	464	605	0	0
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	55	110	0	0	55	110	115	311
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	198	146	798	941	0	0	996	1087	0	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	64	91	0	0	0	0	64	91	31	33
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	114	264	0	0	0	0	114	264	0	0
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	82	83	0	0	82	83	82	83
Northern Ireland	1076	1635	1062	1327	17	48	2155	3010	264	468

Source: DC6 & DC6a

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Table 6.1: Number Of Children In Hospital For Periods Of More Than 3 Months During Year Ending 31 March 2003.

Provider	0-4 Yrs		5-11 Yrs		12-15 Yrs		16+ Yrs		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Altnagelvin Group HSS Trust	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Belfast City Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon Area Hospital Group HSS Trust	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Craigavon & Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	5	1	6
Green Park Healthcare HSS Trust	0	0	3	2	2	5	1	1	6	8	14
Mater Infirmorum Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newry & Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	3	1	9	0	9	9	21	10	31
Royal Group of Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
United Hospitals and Homefirst HSS Trusts	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	8
Northern Ireland	10	9	6	4	13	7	14	12	43	32	75

Notes:

Figures for United Hospitals and Homefirst HSS Trusts have been provided jointly.

Source: H1

Table 6.2: Number Of Children In Hospital For Periods Of More Than 3 Months During Year Ending 31 March 2003 And Who Receive Social Work Support Or Services By Service Provided And Gender.

Provider	Educational Tuition		Family Holiday		Day Care Services to Child/Other Family Members		Shared Care Using a Foster Home/ Residential Unit		Respite Placement		Support From Vol. Org.		Other Services		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
	Altnagelvin Group HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Belfast City Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon Area Hospital Group HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
Craigavon & Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle HSS Trust	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	10	2
Green Park Healthcare HSS Trust	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	10	8
Mater Infirmorum Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newry & Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	3	1	2	2	3	1	5	2	5	2	21	10	44	18
Royal Group of Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	6
United Hospitals and Homefirst HSS Trusts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland	4	1	3	1	4	3	3	4	7	2	7	3	31	18	72	41

Notes

Figures for United Hospitals and Homefirst HSS Trusts have been provided jointly.
 Figures in Total categories include some services which have not been itemised separately.

Figures refer to the number of services provided in each category.

Source: H2

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HSS Trusts Providing a Community Service in Northern Ireland, 2002/03

Community Health and Social Services Trusts	Operational From
North & West Belfast HSS Trust	1 April 1994
South & East Belfast HSS Trust	1 April 1994
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	1 April 1994
Craigavon & Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1 April 1994
Newry & Mourne HSS Trust	1 April 1994
Causeway HSS Trust	1 April 1995
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	1 April 1996
Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust	1 April 1996
Foyle HSS Trust	1 April 1996
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1 April 1996
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust ¹	1 April 1998

¹UNDAH HSS Trust and North Down and Ards HSS Trust amalgamated on 1 April 1998 to form Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust.

Definitions

Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

The Children (Northern Ireland) Order was made on 15 March 1995. The Order deals with the care, upbringing and protection of children, including disabled children. It reforms, consolidates and harmonises most of the public and private law relating to children in a single coherent statutory framework along the lines of the Children Act 1989 in England and Wales.

The information in this report helps in monitoring the operation of the Children Order.

Child

Under the Children (Northern Ireland) Order a child is defined as a person under the age of 18.

Children on the Child Protection Register

Child Protection Register

A register must be maintained by each Trust listing every child in the Trust area who has been abused or who is considered to be at risk of abuse, and who is currently the subject of a child protection plan.

Registration

Placement of a child on to the Child Protection Register. Where a child has moved on or off the Register several times during the year each registration is recorded.

Deregistration

Removal of a child from the Child Protection Register. Where a child has moved on or off the Register several times during the year each deregistration is recorded.

Re-registration

Placement on to the Child Protection Register of a child who has already been on the register, irrespective of the date of their first registration on the Register.

Child Protection Referrals

Child protection referrals are those referrals for which the initial assessment indicates that there may be child protection issues.

The threshold for action should be the allegation or suspicion of child abuse. However the balance needs to be struck between taking action designed to protect the child from abuse while at the same time avoiding unnecessary intervention. Except in emergency situations or urgent cases when immediate protective action is required, referrals will require preliminary discussion with other professionals from the child protection agencies and with the referrer. In some cases it will be necessary to seek specialist opinion.

In some cases action other than a formal investigation will be decided upon following the consultation process. This might include the provision of support for the family. Such a decision should be discussed and agreed with a social worker in consultation with the team leader or supervisor; and recorded and communicated to senior management.

The definition is not taken to mean all referrals, as some may require action such as advice or family support rather than child protection procedures.

Investigation

The purpose of an investigation is to establish whether a Trust should make an application for a court order or exercise any of its other powers, for example the provision of services under Part IV of the Children Order.

Category of Abuse for Registration

The category of abuse under which a child is registered will have been decided upon at the child protection conference, when agreement was reached that registration was necessary. If a child suffers multiple abuse, this should be recorded against the main category of abuse. The abuse may be potential, suspected or confirmed, although the terms 'actual' or 'likely' occur. Potential and suspected equate with 'likely' and confirmed with 'actual'. The categories are:

1. Neglect, Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse
2. - Main category - neglect
3. - Main category - physical abuse
4. - Main category - sexual abuse
5. Neglect and Physical Abuse
6. - Main category - neglect
7. - Main category - physical abuse
8. Neglect and Sexual Abuse
9. - Main category - neglect
10. - Main category - sexual abuse
11. Physical and Sexual Abuse
12. - Main category - physical abuse
13. - Main category - sexual abuse
14. Neglect (only)
15. Physical Abuse (only)
16. Sexual Abuse (only)
17. Emotional Abuse (only)

Neglect

The actual or likely persistent or severe neglect of a child, or the failure to protect a child from exposure to any kind of danger, including cold or starvation, or persistent failure to carry out important aspects of care, resulting in significant impairment of the child's health or development, including non-organic failure to thrive.

Physical Abuse

Actual or likely deliberate physical injury to a child, or wilful or neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering to a child including deliberate poisoning, suffocation or Munchausen syndrome by proxy.

Sexual Abuse

Actual or likely sexual exploitation of a child or adolescent. The child may be dependent and/or developmentally immature.

Emotional Abuse

Actual or likely persistent or severe emotional ill-treatment or rejection resulting in severe adverse effects on the emotional, physical and/or behavioural development of a child. All abuse involves some emotional ill-treatment. This category should be used where it is the main or only form of abuse.

Legal Status

The legal framework for compulsory intervention in the care and upbringing of children. If more than one legal status is indicated or in force for the child at 31 March, the latest one only is recorded.

Children in Need**Referral**

A referral of a child to Social Services, regardless of source of referral. A child may be referred several times over the course of a year.

Episode of Care

An episode of involvement of a child with Social Services. There may be several episodes of involvement over a year or, alternatively, an episode may span more than one year. Where an episode of involvement commences in one year and closes in another, it is counted in the year in which the case opened.

Current Status of Children Referred

The status at 31 March of children referred during the year.

Inappropriate Referral

An inappropriate childcare referral to Social Services, referred back to referral source.

No further action required

Not required to allocate for full assessment of need due to the query being dealt with at referral stage, e.g. advice on social security, health and social services etc.

No further action taken

Unable to meet needs of the client referred, perhaps due to lack of skilled resources to deal with the case. Unmet need may be recorded. Referred back to referral source with advice on outcome of initial assessment of referral.

Allocation for service/assessment

Upon initial assessment of referral, allocated to social services professional/team to carry out full assessment of need for client or for provision of a service.

Other

Cases which are not allocated to one of the above categories, including cases awaiting a decision (pending cases).

Initial Assessment

An assessment made soon after referral to determine the type of need, if any, and how best this need may be met.

Children in Need Categories

A child is considered to be in need if he/she falls into at least one of the following Children in Need categories.

Child subject to Child Protection investigation

Children will not normally be subject to a child protection investigation at the initial referral. However, this category should be recorded when the referral indicates child protection investigation is required and if/when this is confirmed by the initial assessment. Children will cease to be “in need” under this definition when the child protection investigation is complete. They may, however, continue to be “children in need” under any other of the definitional headings.

Child with a disability who may require social work service

Children with a disability are defined as those children who meet the definition agreed by the working group on children with a disability. To be accepted as a child in need the child must meet the disability definition and be likely to require social care services. Some children with disability will have their needs met by medical, educational, family and social networks not requiring social care services involvement. The need for social care services will be established only after a full assessment.

Child for whom no one is exercising parental responsibility

This definition applies to children abandoned, or “out of home” on what initially appears to be a long-term basis i.e. there is no obvious individual or family who can immediately provide “parental” responsibility. After assessment the family may be able to offer appropriate care and the child would no longer be in need.

Child for whom the carer is temporarily unable to offer care for whatever reason

This definition applies to children who are normally well cared for by their carer(s) but the carer(s) is/are temporarily unable to exercise that care through illness, or unavoidable absence. In these cases there is no question over the carers normally discharging their responsibility.

A child whose carers require support and assistance in order that they might provide a reasonable standard of care

Many referrals illustrate a deficit in care but not sufficient to expose the child to risk of significant harm. In these circumstances the child’s needs for improved parenting can be achieved by offering the child and family support, for example, day care provision of a child under five whose carer is suffering mental health problems.

A child who is likely to experience significant emotional, physical or development impairment as a result of family breakdown without the provision of social care services

The level of breakdown of families is high but can be achieved in amicable separations without significant emotional, physical or development impairment to the child. If this is so the child is not in need. This category should only be used where:

- impairment can be predicted and
- is causally linked with the family breakdown and
- can be shown to be reduced by social care services

A child whose well-being is significantly prejudiced as a result of their behavioural, emotional, psychiatric or psychological disturbance, and may require social care services

This definition involves children whose well-being is damaged by their behavioural, emotional, psychiatric and psychological disturbance and could include drug and alcohol use, neurotic and psychotic conditions as well as emotional and behavioural problems such as “challenging behaviour” or “self harm”. However, these conditions are qualified by having to be of such severity as to “significantly prejudice the well-being of the child” thus recreational use of alcohol by older adolescents may be excluded. The need for social care services will have to be established by an assessment.

A child for whom their offending and its consequences are a significant feature of their life

Not all offenders will be “children in need” for the purposes of this definition. The nature of their offending (e.g. frequency, severity) and its consequences (e.g. response of the criminal justice system, impact upon the victim or community) should be a significant feature of their life.

A child whose welfare is, or is likely to be, significantly prejudiced as a result of homelessness

Families experiencing “homelessness” are the responsibility of the Housing Executive; however, a young person may be homeless and their welfare at risk. Such children will be in need.

A child ceasing to be looked after by a Trust

A child requiring Social Services support due to ceasing to be looked after by the Trust.

A child with caring duties which are significantly impairing or distorting their normal health, social or intellectual development

This category requires an assessment be made as to whether performing the duty “impairs or distorts the child’s normal development”. Thus the burden of daily care may involve activities appropriate to the age of the child but distort the child’s opportunity for normal age related education and leisure.

Request for financial assistance for a specific child in need

The request for financial assistance is relevant where such assistance assists, safeguards or promotes the well-being of a specific child who by definition without such assistance would be in need, e.g. financial assistance to a day care placement.

Request for financial assistance for children in a family

In many instances the financial assistance is to a family rather than a specific child, e.g. emergency payment to ensure food or warmth. In such circumstances the family should be counted as one referral, but a note made of how many children are in the family and receiving assistance, since all such children will be deemed as in need.

Initial Assessment

An assessment made soon after referral to determine the type of need, if any, and how best this need may be met.

Religion

Roman Catholic

Refers to all of the Roman Catholic faith.

Presbyterian

Refers to all stating their denomination to be Presbyterian. Include here also Church of Scotland but exclude all other groupings with 'Presbyterian' in their title, e.g. Free Presbyterian, Non-subscribing Presbyterian, etc. These groups are recorded under 'Other denominations'.

Church of Ireland

Refers to all stating their denomination to be Church of Ireland.

Methodist

Refers to all stating their denomination to be Methodist.

Other Denominations

Refers to all other Christian and non-Christian denominations and faiths.

None

Refers to those with no religious persuasion.

Refused/Unknown

Refers to those who refuse to give details of their religious affiliation or whose religious affiliation cannot be established.

Ethnic Group

White

Refers to all white or olive skinned people from Europe, North Africa, Middle East, the Americas and Australasia.

Chinese

Refers to all those belonging to the Chinese ethnic group, originating from mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Malaysia.

Traveller

Refers to persons sometimes known as gypsies or itinerants but excluding New Age Travellers. The term applies to those who travel from place to place, are temporarily based on a traveller site or who are settled in permanent accommodation on a traveller site.

Indian

Refers to those from the Indian sub-continent, i.e. India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Black

Refers to Black Africans, Afro-Caribbeans, and African Americans.

Others

Refers to those other ethnic groups. Included here those from Malaysia (other than Chinese), Vietnam, Japan, etc.

Refused/Unknown

Refers to those who refuse to give details of their ethnic group or whose ethnic group cannot be established.

Children Looked After**Looked After**

A child is looked after by an Authority if he or she is in their care or if he or she is provided with accommodation for a continuous period of more than 24 hours by the authority in the exercise of its Social Services function.

Residential Care

Residential care refers to care which takes place in statutory, voluntary or private children's homes.

Foster Care

Foster care includes children fostered either with relatives or with persons who are not related to the child.

Placed with family

This refers to children for whom a Care Order exists and who are placed with their parents, a person who is not a parent but who has parental responsibility for the child or where a child is in care and there was a residence order in force with respect to him/her immediately before the care order was made, a person in whose favour the residence order was made.

Respite Care

This term refers to either a series of short-term pre-planned, or ad hoc placements, where a child moves temporarily from his/her carer (i.e. foster care, residential care, family etc) in order to allow the child and/or the carer a period of respite. The move could, in ad-hoc situations, involve a change of placement (e.g. foster care to residential care) or the child could remain within the same placement type (e.g. foster care to foster care). Children could also move from a family placement to another placement type for respite care.

Where respite care is pre-planned, within the same placement (note: placement rather than placement type **must** remain constant), no single period of respite should be for a duration of more than four weeks and the total duration of the periods of respite should not exceed 90 days in any one year (to comply with Regulation 11 of the Review of Children's Cases Regulations (NI) 1996).

As a general rule of thumb, if a social worker regards the short-term placement of a child as being "for respite", either to benefit the child or the carer(s), then this should be recorded on the appropriate return.

Placement is recorded as first placement during the financial year.

Independent living

Refers to any young person being looked after by an authority, who moves from his/her placement to live independently within the community before he/she is 18 years of age. Do not count changes of placement or change of legal status within care as a re-admission, or children being looked after for respite care.

Children's Homes

Statutory Children's Home

A home which provides care and accommodation for children as defined under Part IX of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Voluntary Children's Home

A home which provides care and accommodation for children, carried out by a voluntary organisation, being any association carrying out any activities otherwise than for the purpose of gain by the association or by individual members.

Respite Care (in Children's Homes)

This refers to a series of short-term pre-planned or ad hoc placements, no single period of which should be for a duration of more than 4 weeks and the total duration of the periods does not exceed 90 days in any one year.

Services Received

This applies to all young people aged between 16 and 21 who were looked after by the Trust during the year and who received services. It is the number of services which are recorded, not the number of young people.

Day Care

Day nurseries

Day nurseries look after under fives for the length of the adult working day. They may be run by voluntary organisations, private companies or individuals as a business, community groups as a co-operative enterprise, employers in the public or private sectors for their workforce, or any of these bodies on a partnership basis. Children will attend part-time or full-time depending on their and their parent's needs. For registration purposes it is the number of providers that are registered rather than the number of premises, but each provider should be registered for each location from which he/she operates.

Number of registered places in day nurseries

Refers to the total number of places available in day nurseries in the Trust area at 31 March of the relevant year, irrespective of whether they are occupied or not.

Children placed and paid for by the Trust in day nurseries

The total number of children who were placed and paid for by the Trust in day nurseries during the year ending 31 March. All such children are counted irrespective of whether the day nursery was located inside or outside the Trust area.

Childminders

Childminders look after children aged under five and school age children outside school hours and in the holidays in domestic premises, usually the childminder's own home. They offer this service all the year round for the full adult working day. Parents and childminders negotiate the terms and conditions.

Sponsored childminders

These are registered childminders with whom children may be placed but the fees for such children are paid for by the Trust. As sponsored childminders should also be registered childminders they are counted in the total of registered childminders and then recorded separately.

Number of places with childminders

The total number of childminding places available with registered childminders in the Trust area at 31 March of the relevant year, irrespective of whether they were occupied on that day or not.

Number of children placed and paid for by the Trust with sponsored childminders

The total number of children in the under 5 and 5-under 12 age groups who were placed and paid for by the Trust with sponsored childminders during the relevant year ending 31 March. All such children should be counted irrespective of whether the childminder was located inside or outside the Trust area.

Playgroups

Playgroups provide session care for children aged between three and five, though exceptionally some may take slightly younger children. They aim to provide learning experiences through structured play opportunities in groups, and with involvement of the parents in all aspects of the operation of the group. Most playgroups are run on a self-help basis by groups of parents with one or two paid staff. Some playgroups may be run by Trusts or voluntary organisations e.g. NSPCC. Some are called opportunity groups and cater specifically for children with special needs. Playgroup sessions last no longer than 4 hours.

The total number of playgroups operated by each provider in the Trust area at 31 March of the relevant year is recorded. As one provider may operate several playgroups in different locations, each playgroup is counted.

Number of places in playgroups

The total number of places available in playgroups in the Trust area at 31 March of the relevant year irrespective of whether they were occupied or not.

Total number of children placed and paid for by the Trust

The total number of children who were placed and paid for by the Trust in playgroups during the relevant year ending 31 March. All such children should be counted irrespective of whether the playgroup was located inside or outside the Trust area.

Out of School Clubs

These offer to care for the school age children in the absence of the parents or the carers from the end of the school day until the parent can collect the child. Some may also care for children before the school starts. They are not open access. They may be run by the Trust, voluntary organisations or community groups or privately. Children will be escorted to the club by a responsible person and not allowed to leave until collected by the parent or person who has parental responsibility or who is looking after the child.

Number of places in Out of School Clubs

The total number of places available in the Trust area at 31 March of the relevant year. If the number of places varies the maximum number is recorded.

Holiday Schemes for Children

These look after children of school age during the school holidays and operate like out of school clubs. They may be provided by the Trusts, District Councils, Education and Library Boards, voluntary agencies such as Harmony Community Trust, Extern etc, by other organisations in partnership with the Trust or by other organisations on their own. A holiday scheme is counted for each holiday period for which it is operating.

Number of places in holiday schemes for children

The total number of places available in schemes operated by each body during the year ending 31 March, irrespective of whether or not all places are occupied.

Family Centres

Family Centres are facilities used or attended by children of any age and their parents or those with parental responsibility for them or looking after them. The range of services or facilities likely to be provided include those for children (e.g. play sessions, toy libraries, out of school activities), for adults (e.g. training opportunities, advice or therapy sessions) and for the whole family (e.g. group work with a professionally qualified person).

Number of families attending Family Centres

The number of families (i.e. parent(s) of children or those with responsibility for children) attending the centre at least once during the relevant year ending 31 March. Only one attendance is counted for each family. This attendance is counted even if only one parent or one person responsible for the child(ren) attends.

Number of children attending Family Centres

The number of children attending the centre during the relevant year ending 31 March, **NOT** the number of times children attend the centre during the year. For example a child who attends only once and a child who attends 10 times would both be recorded only once.

Numbers placed and paid for by the Trust in non-Trust family centres

The number of families and number of children for whom the Trust has accepted financial responsibility with regard to their placement in a family centre not operated directly by the Trust (includes grant aided family centres) during the relevant year ending 31 March. All such families and children are counted irrespective of whether the family centre was located inside or outside the Trust area.

Children in Hospital

Children in Hospital for periods of more than 3 months

The number of children who have been in hospital continuously for periods of more than 3 months during the relevant year ending 31 March. Short periods (e.g. weekends) when the child may have gone home but has not been discharged from hospital are disregarded. Hospital refers to **all** hospitals, not just acute hospitals.

It is the duration of hospital stay (i.e. more than 3 months) which is important, and it is not necessary for the child to have been in the **same** hospital for more than three months or to have been treated for the same or related condition to be recorded. For example, a child might be admitted to, and remain in, a hospital for two months before being transferred directly to another hospital (inside or outside the Trust area) where he/she remains for a further 2 months before being discharged home. The total continuous period of stay in hospital in this example is 4 months and should therefore be recorded on this return. Where a child moves between hospitals, the discharge from one and admission to the other should be done on the same or following day.

Children in Hospital for periods of more than 3 months and who receive social work support or service

The number of children who have been in hospital for a period of at least three months during the financial year and who have received social work support or one of the services listed, from the date of admission to hospital until 31 March. Not all the services will be provided to the child directly in hospital. The Children Order deals with the concept of family support and, as many children who are in hospital for prolonged periods also have short visits home, services will be provided for the child/family in the home environment. Services provided for the child after discharge from hospital and up to the end of the financial year are also recorded. It is the number of services which are reported, not the number of children.

Explanatory Notes

Source: The data contained in this publication have been compiled from the Children Order (NI) 1995 returns, which were effective from 4 November 1996. The cut-off point for amendments to tables was 30th September 2003 and any amendments notified by Providers after this date will not have been included.

Healthcare Providers: This bulletin presents data broken down by Providers where that particular Provider had a community service (see Appendix 1 for a complete list of Providers which had a community service in 2002/2003). The exception to this is the section on Children in Hospital, which contains some information provided by hospital Trusts.

Data Availability/Format: Data can be supplied in spreadsheet format (Microsoft Excel Version 5.0) in order to aid secondary analysis. The appropriate contact point for more detailed analyses or to answer queries in relation to the data is Office Information Manager, RIB, DHSSPS, Annexe 2, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SQ (Tel 028 90522800).