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Summary

Listed below is a selection of findings relating to activity.

- Of the 1,417 children on the Child Protection Register at 31 March 2004, 31% were aged under five years (Table 1.1).
- 36% of the children on the Child Protection Register at 31 March 2004 fell into the ‘Neglect Only’ category (Table 1.2).
- 48% of all children on the Child Protection Register at 31 March 2004 had been on the Register for one year or more (Table 1.5).
- There were 962 registrations of children on to the Child Protection register during the year 1 April 2003–31 March 2004, and 1,154 cases removed from the Register (deregistrations). Nearly half (44%) of the registrations were in Down Lisburn, North and West Belfast, and Homefirst Trusts (Table 1.7 and 1.10).
- Of the 1,226 initial case conferences during the year 2003/2004, 77% involved children in cases which led to registration (Table 1.11).
- There were 25,748 referrals, 15,667 episodes of involvement of children with Social Services and 16,987 children referred during the year 1 April 2003–31 March 2004. 18% of the children were referred to Homefirst HSS Trust (Table 2.1).
- 57% of children referred to Social Services during the year 2003/2004 were allocated for further action (service or assessment) (Table 2.3).
- Of the 2,510 children looked after by Trusts at 31 March 2004, 43% were looked after by Foyle, Homefirst and North and West Belfast HSS Trusts (Table 3.1).
- At 31 March 2004, children aged 12 years or over formed 47% of all children looked after (Table 3.1).

- 54% of all children looked after at 31 March 2004 were under either a Care Order or a Deemed Care Order (Table 3.2).
- Of all children looked after at 31 March 2004, 61% were in foster care, 22% were placed with family and 13% were in residential care (Table 3.3).
- 49% of children looked after at 31 March 2004 were looked after for three years or more and 14% for 10 years or more (Table 3.4).
- There were 858 children accommodated for respite care between 1 April 2003 and 31 March 2004, of whom 35% were accommodated by Homefirst HSS Trust (Table 3.5).
- There were 1,094 admissions to being looked after during 2003/2004. 78% 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 1,030 discharges from being looked after during the year 2003/2004, 49% were in respect of periods of less than three months (Table 3.8).
- There were 49 children's homes registered at 31 March 2004, of which 38 were Trust homes (Table 4.1).
- There were 226 day nurseries with 8,424 registered places at 31 March 2004. 45% of the registered places were with South and East Belfast and Homefirst HSS Trusts (Table 5.1).
- At 31 March 2004, there were 3,950 registered childminders providing 19,714 places, of which 56% were for under 5 year-olds (Table 5.2).
- Of the 14,229 places in 608 playgroups at 31 March 2004, 97% were in community/local or private provision (Table 5.3).

- There were 250 out of school clubs at 31 March 2004, with 46% of the 5,572 places provided by the voluntary sector (Table 5.4).
- At 31 March 2004, there were 54 holiday schemes providing 1,517 places. Of these places, 47% were in South and East Belfast and Craigavon and Banbridge HSS Trusts (Table 5.5).
- Of the 2,654 families and 3,756 children attending Family Centres in the Year 1 April–31 March 2004, 43% and 37% respectively were from North and West Belfast HSS Trust (Table 5.6).
- Of the 110 children who were in hospital for periods of more than three months during the year 1 April 2003–31 March 2004, 76% 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 2004.

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	6	6	10	14	13	13	9	3	1	39	39	78
Causeway HSS Trust	0	2	9	7	12	12	5	5	0	2	26	28	54
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	3	2	7	4	10	5	5	4	0	0	25	15	40
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	10	18	20	42	38	17	17	6	2	89	87	176
Foyle HSS Trust	5	4	16	17	27	25	22	17	6	10	76	73	149
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	7	10	28	19	32	26	11	24	2	3	80	82	162
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	1	6	1	14	2	2	5	0	1	22	10	32
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	5	11	36	30	68	46	44	26	4	4	157	117	274
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	3	25	27	38	36	22	18	7	7	95	91	186
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	3	8	12	33	36	19	13	3	2	65	66	131
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	5	3	21	15	38	33	8	11	0	1	72	63	135
Northern Ireland	39	55	180	162	328	272	168	149	31	33	746	671	1417

Source: CPR 1

Table 1.2: Number Of Children On Child Protection Register At 31 March 2004 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	2	15	3	2	11	17	12	16	78
Causeway HSS Trust	0	4	0	0	22	9	3	16	54
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	4	0	2	16	11	4	3	40
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	1	32	0	3	53	32	35	20	176
Foyle HSS Trust	1	27	7	6	53	24	3	28	149
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	1	7	7	6	71	40	17	13	162
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	1	12	9	9	1	32
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	10	6	3	143	79	15	18	274
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	10	1	7	57	49	18	41	186
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	3	4	5	1	43	36	28	11	131
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	9	1	0	28	24	20	53	135
Northern Ireland	11	122	30	31	509	330	164	220	1417

Source: CPR2

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

Provider	School/ Police	Voluntary EWO*	Org.	GP	Social Services	Community Nursing	Relative	Neighbour/ Friend	Hospital	Self	Anon	Other	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	26	11	0	4	112	12	36	1	9	1	5	26	243
Causeway HSS Trust	25	10	0	5	32	4	9	1	5	1	6	13	111
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	29	29	14	9	104	21	31	8	6	6	17	9	283
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	54	35	2	6	125	9	54	12	17	4	36	28	382
Foyle HSS Trust	54	38	5	17	73	14	29	15	6	2	14	19	286
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	11	13	0	5	130	8	4	0	3	2	2	13	191
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	37	19	3	14	118	31	26	14	37	4	37	11	351
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	51	36	16	4	194	10	37	2	13	12	2	45	422
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	13	7	0	0	50	3	22	1	13	4	1	3	117
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	21	11	1	1	78	1	4	1	7	0	3	4	132
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	46	13	0	3	43	8	64	1	3	6	2	12	201
Northern Ireland	367	222	41	68	1059	121	316	56	119	42	125	183	2719

Notes

*EWO – Educational Welfare Officer

Source: CPR3

Table 1.4: Legal Status Of All Children On Child Protection Register At 31 March 2004.

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	9	16	3	0	1	2	46	78
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	4	10	0	0	0	40	54
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	28	40
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	1	34	13	8	0	0	4	116	176
Foyle HSS Trust	0	9	16	12	2	0	5	105	149
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	5	8	2	0	0	1	146	162
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	29	32
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	25	10	24	0	0	4	211	274
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	1	11	18	9	3	0	7	137	186
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	9	4	0	0	0	0	117	131
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	4	8	8	5	1	0	0	109	135
Northern Ireland	8	113	109	73	6	1	23	1084	1417

Source: CPR4

Table 1.5: Length Of Time On Child Protection Register For All Current Cases At 31 March 2004.

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	24	15	19	14	6	0	78
Causeway HSS Trust	15	11	6	11	10	1	54
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	11	6	18	5	0	0	40
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	41	24	48	32	24	7	176
Foyle HSS Trust	20	20	19	39	25	26	149
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	35	28	33	46	8	12	162
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	3	7	1	14	3	4	32
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	36	20	76	80	40	22	274
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	20	23	19	64	31	29	186
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	26	17	26	37	6	19	131
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	14	35	26	46	12	2	135
Northern Ireland	245	206	291	388	165	122	1417

Source: CPR5

Table 1.6: Number Of Investigations Completed During Year Ending 31 March 2004 Under Child Protection Procedures.

Provider	Joint Protocol Investigation	Social Work Investigation	Police Investigation	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	33	122	2	157
Causeway HSS Trust	21	77	0	98
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	22	31	6	59
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	58	249	7	314
Foyle HSS Trust	27	204	1	232
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	43	150	2	195
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	34	20	3	57
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	59	334	2	395
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	17	78	4	99
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	37	89	0	126
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	40	156	0	196
Northern Ireland	391	1510	27	1928

Source: CPR6

Table 1.7: Number Of Registrations During Year To 31 March 2004 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	6	7	4	5	16	12	13	6	3	1	42	31	73
Causeway HSS Trust	1	3	8	5	6	6	4	4	0	1	19	19	38
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	4	3	12	12	10	10	7	6	0	0	33	31	64
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	12	12	16	15	30	29	16	12	2	0	76	68	144
Foyle HSS Trust	10	6	7	11	15	11	4	7	0	2	36	37	73
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	9	17	22	12	26	18	11	17	1	1	69	65	134
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	1	4	3	4	3	0	3	0	1	10	11	21
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	12	14	14	21	37	23	12	9	0	1	75	68	143
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	12	7	12	9	10	13	10	4	1	2	45	35	80
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	5	8	7	18	18	17	11	0	1	45	42	87
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	10	5	19	11	24	25	4	6	0	1	57	48	105
Northern Ireland	80	80	126	111	196	168	98	85	7	11	507	455	962

Source: CPR7

Table 1.8: Total Number Of Registrations During Year To 31 March 2004 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	2	16	1	2	12	18	13	9	73
Causeway HSS Trust	0	3	0	0	15	4	3	13	38
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	4	0	0	26	27	2	5	64
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	1	39	0	3	37	20	33	11	144
Foyle HSS Trust	1	9	6	4	27	13	1	12	73
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	2	8	4	1	56	47	9	7	134
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	1	10	3	7	0	21
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	6	4	0	67	48	9	9	143
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	8	1	2	27	31	5	6	80
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	7	6	0	19	27	20	8	87
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	11	1	0	36	17	9	31	105
Northern Ireland	6	111	23	13	332	255	111	111	962

Source: CPR8

Table 1.9: Total Number Of Re-Registrations To Child Protection Register During Year Ending 31 March 2004.

Provider	Total number of re-registrations to Child Protection Register during year ending 31 March 2004
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	6
Causeway HSS Trust	3
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	6
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	36
Foyle HSS Trust	3
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	28
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	3
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	14
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	18
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	20
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	18
Northern Ireland	155

Source: CPR9

Table 1.10: Cases Removed From Child Protection Register During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	4	15	12	30	5	4	0	0	70
Causeway HSS Trust	0	3	18	7	9	6	1	0	44
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	16	16	18	8	3	0	0	0	61
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	13	23	50	20	13	3	8	0	130
Foyle HSS Trust	0	15	15	42	15	18	1	0	106
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	8	28	44	69	16	5	0	0	170
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	4	1	13	33	13	7	0	0	71
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	9	26	104	15	17	4	0	175
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	6	11	29	33	9	12	2	0	102
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	4	30	27	33	7	3	1	0	105
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	26	24	44	16	5	3	0	120
Northern Ireland	57	177	276	423	121	80	20	0	1154

Source: CPR10

Table 1.11: Initial Case Conferences During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	73	26	99
Causeway HSS Trust	38	20	58
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	64	25	89
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	140	20	160
Foyle HSS Trust	73	19	92
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	131	56	187
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	20	7	27
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	142	46	188
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	78	20	98
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	85	12	97
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	100	31	131
Northern Ireland	944	282	1226

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 2004.

Provider	Number of Referrals	Number of Episodes	Number of Children
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	1449	672	968
Causeway HSS Trust	1547	1130	1107
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2294	1460	1711
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	2451	1523	1621
Foyle HSS Trust	1599	1206	1328
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4342	3279	3082
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1187	994	959
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	2151	1688	1757
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	5021	1369	1765
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2081	1141	1451
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1626	1205	1238
Northern Ireland	25748	15667	16987

Source: N1

Table 2.2: Children Referred During The Year, The Number At 31 March 2004, By Gender And Age.

Provider	0-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	185	142	191	162	102	110	29	47	507	461	968
Causeway HSS Trust	149	126	197	138	210	119	102	66	658	449	1107
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	258	254	294	282	250	223	67	83	869	842	1711
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	245	220	292	280	199	225	73	87	809	812	1621
Foyle HSS Trust	201	219	266	236	152	157	33	64	652	676	1328
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	345	307	528	328	658	413	316	177	1847	1225	3072
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	138	109	197	144	122	136	48	65	505	454	959
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	311	284	297	252	214	192	96	100	918	828	1746
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	274	201	344	280	211	241	104	106	933	828	1761
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	211	180	289	227	216	204	65	59	781	670	1451
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	184	163	226	206	166	163	58	72	634	604	1238
Northern Ireland	2501	2205	3121	2535	2500	2183	991	926	9113	7849	16962

Source: N2

Table 2.3: Children Referred During The Year, The Number At 31 March 2004, 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	8	8	40	38	4	2	293	272	162	141	507	461	968
Causeway HSS Trust	2	2	371	180	8	4	131	101	146	162	658	449	1107
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	26	11	159	153	18	9	520	512	146	157	869	842	1711
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	7	197	223	0	3	522	490	84	89	809	812	1621
Foyle HSS Trust	2	0	33	35	3	2	584	601	30	38	652	676	1328
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	7	3	863	422	0	0	898	727	79	73	1847	1225	3072
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	10	6	122	116	0	1	262	234	111	97	505	454	959
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	2	0	315	296	0	1	439	371	162	160	918	828	1746
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	2	318	287	25	23	428	375	159	141	933	828	1761
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	6	3	110	73	0	0	460	402	205	192	781	670	1451
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	1	100	58	0	0	499	532	34	13	634	604	1238
Northern Ireland	73	43	2628	1881	58	45	5036	4617	1318	1263	9113	7849	16962

Source: N2

Table 2.4: Number Of Children With A Disability/Mental Health Problem Referred During Year Ending 31 March 2004.

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	1	2	1	2	5	4	8	4	0	0	15	12	27
Causeway HSS Trust	2	0	1	2	3	1	21	13	0	0	27	16	43
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	4	6	3	6	13	5	56	26	0	0	76	43	119
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	4	3	3	10	9	32	10	0	0	51	26	77
Foyle HSS Trust	8	13	11	7	47	24	25	24	0	0	91	68	159
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	8	8	5	11	21	15	45	33	0	0	79	67	146
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	4	3	4	1	7	2	4	3	0	0	19	9	28
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	8	1	6	5	37	21	11	9	0	0	62	36	98
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	5	3	1	15	12	10	8	4	1	32	27	59
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	6	1	0	33	22	61	35	0	0	96	63	159
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	3	2	8	7	13	10	11	5	3	9	38	33	71
Northern Ireland	45	50	46	45	204	125	284	170	7	10	586	400	986

Source: N3

Table 2.5: Number Of Episodes, By Presenting Category, During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	269	269	52	47	0	0	321	316	637
Causeway HSS Trust	622	386	25	33	0	0	647	419	1066
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	636	611	64	85	0	0	700	696	1396
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	633	645	83	122	0	0	716	767	1483
Foyle HSS Trust	501	472	47	99	2	2	550	573	1123
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	1879	1149	41	52	0	0	1920	1201	3121
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	357	297	166	151	0	0	523	448	971
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	716	674	137	137	0	0	853	811	1664
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	668	571	30	14	0	0	698	585	1283
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	569	483	15	26	0	0	584	509	1093
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	537	508	36	50	0	0	573	558	1131
Northern Ireland	7387	6065	696	816	2	2	8085	6883	14968

Source: N4

Table 2.6: Number Of Episodes, By Presenting Category, During Year Ending 31 March 2004 By Religion And Gender.

Provider	Roman Catholic		Presbyterian		Church of Ireland		Methodist		Other		None		Refused /Unknown		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	13	17	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	304	296	321	316	637
Causeway HSS Trust	4	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	88	84	549	329	647	419	1066
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	58	60	2	1	3	1	0	1	18	20	121	109	498	504	700	696	1396
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	111	119	7	6	6	13	0	1	7	2	6	8	579	618	716	767	1483
Foyle HSS Trust	247	278	35	24	30	23	1	2	10	7	6	8	221	231	550	573	1123
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	53	41	14	21	3	4	1	1	30	11	17	11	1802	1112	1920	1201	3121
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	12	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	506	432	523	448	971
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	206	194	71	57	4	7	3	1	4	5	4	4	561	543	853	811	1664
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	6	5	7	4	23	21	1	0	8	2	6	2	647	551	698	585	1283
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	62	61	0	2	11	11	3	0	4	6	7	5	497	424	584	509	1093
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	2	9	9	5	3	0	0	15	19	208	210	334	315	573	558	1131
Northern Ireland	774	791	150	127	88	83	9	6	101	78	465	443	6498	5355	8085	6883	14968

Source: N5a

Table 2.7: Number Of Episodes, By Presenting Category, During Year Ending 31 March 2004 By Ethnic Group And Gender.

Provider	White		Chinese		Traveller		Indian Sub-Continent		Black		Other		Refused /Unknown		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	301	297	321	316	637
Causeway HSS Trust	23	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	624	407	647	419	1066
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	374	382	2	2	0	3	0	2	1	0	122	111	201	196	700	696	1396
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	164	188	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	546	574	716	767	1483
Foyle HSS Trust	398	425	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	144	145	550	573	1123
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	199	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	1720	1060	1920	1201	3121
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	9	10	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	512	435	523	448	971
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	588	568	0	0	8	4	0	0	1	0	0	6	256	233	853	811	1664
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	77	73	1	3	0	1	0	0	5	0	2	1	613	507	698	585	1283
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	201	166	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	5	372	337	584	509	1093
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	44	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	526	512	573	558	1131
Northern Ireland	2097	2023	6	6	17	17	0	4	7	1	143	129	5815	4703	8085	6883	14968

Source: N5b

Table 2.8: Number Of Episodes, Category After Initial Assessment During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	47	38	20	23	44	46	5	4	116	111	227
Causeway HSS Trust	36	38	4	0	17	14	13	11	70	63	133
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	52	76	34	21	210	200	22	34	318	331	649
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	89	130	20	14	157	131	21	27	287	302	589
Foyle HSS Trust	62	101	45	38	342	316	7	8	456	463	919
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	54	58	46	18	356	331	45	60	501	467	968
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	167	150	4	1	69	69	17	10	257	230	487
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	144	134	20	15	111	100	20	14	295	263	558
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	26	11	32	14	36	37	16	17	110	79	189
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	15	30	39	19	163	162	6	8	223	219	442
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	41	54	10	2	383	400	1	2	435	458	893
Northern Ireland	733	820	274	165	1888	1806	173	195	3068	2986	6054

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 2004 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	156	154	162	316
Causeway HSS Trust	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	49	41	418	213	476	259	735
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	50	51	2	1	3	1	0	1	7	8	89	78	410	404	561	544	1105
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	101	103	4	5	5	10	0	1	6	2	4	1	475	519	595	641	1236
Foyle HSS Trust	227	254	33	20	30	23	1	2	10	7	6	8	202	210	509	524	1033
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	48	37	12	19	3	4	1	1	27	11	10	6	1511	918	1612	996	2608
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	390	339	401	346	747
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	158	139	64	52	4	6	3	1	2	3	3	3	413	393	647	597	1244
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	5	4	5	4	17	13	0	0	5	2	5	2	441	368	478	393	871
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	30	33	0	1	9	10	2	0	0	1	6	5	242	203	289	253	542
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	2	7	7	5	3	0	0	15	18	178	184	296	283	502	497	999
Northern Ireland	637	636	129	110	77	70	7	6	76	56	351	328	4947	4006	6224	5212	11436

Source: N7a

Table 2.10: Number Of Episodes, Category After Initial Assessment During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	159	154	162	316
Causeway HSS Trust	9	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	467	254	476	259	735
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	268	284	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	91	80	201	174	561	544	1105
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	135	160	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	454	476	595	641	1236
Foyle HSS Trust	367	384	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	134	137	509	524	1033
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	170	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1441	878	1612	996	2608
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	7	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	393	340	401	346	747
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	452	422	0	0	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	187	166	647	597	1244
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	54	51	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	421	339	478	393	871
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	96	100	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	5	187	147	289	253	542
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	33	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	466	460	502	497	999
Northern Ireland	1599	1564	3	5	16	15	0	4	3	0	106	94	4497	3530	6224	5212	11436

Source: N7b

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Table 3.1: Children Looked After At 31 March 2004 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	4	16	13	23	19	25	25	5	6	72	67	139
Causeway HSS Trust	2	4	6	9	29	27	26	24	19	12	82	76	158
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2	3	11	13	27	16	21	13	9	7	70	52	122
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	6	5	17	15	42	41	46	32	20	16	131	109	240
Foyle HSS Trust	3	6	23	21	66	87	57	42	26	45	175	201	376
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	5	7	38	33	61	60	67	47	24	30	195	177	372
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	0	10	6	13	16	18	15	6	6	49	43	92
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	2	5	23	16	71	59	61	59	23	23	180	162	342
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	8	3	26	24	47	35	48	38	28	25	157	125	282
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	1	8	11	24	25	19	17	11	8	63	62	125
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	2	13	14	59	34	40	35	27	37	140	122	262
Northern Ireland	35	40	191	175	462	419	428	347	198	215	1314	1196	2510

Source: LA1

Table 3.2: Children Looked After At 31 March 2004 By Legal Status And Gender.

Provider	Accommodated Under Article 21 (Article 57)		Interim Care Order (Article 50 or 59)		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	26	19	22	12	19	31	4	4	1	1	72	67	139
Causeway HSS Trust	35	27	10	9	24	21	13	18	0	1	82	76	158
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	15	10	19	13	26	24	4	4	6	1	70	52	122
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	61	38	7	12	35	37	23	18	5	4	131	109	240
Foyle HSS Trust	51	56	19	31	64	67	39	44	2	3	175	201	376
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	34	37	20	12	91	82	41	39	9	7	195	177	372
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	30	24	10	8	5	2	3	9	1	0	49	43	92
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	44	29	6	7	83	78	41	42	6	6	180	162	342
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	29	29	21	20	71	44	34	30	2	2	157	125	282
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	16	18	17	10	14	19	13	9	3	6	63	62	125
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	69	46	21	23	34	47	7	2	9	4	140	122	262
Northern Ireland	410	333	172	157	466	452	222	219	44	35	1314	1196	2510

Source: LA1

Table 3.3: Children Looked After At 31 March 2004 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	9	5	30	40	32	19	1	3	72	67	139
Causeway HSS Trust	10	4	44	53	21	14	7	5	82	76	158
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	10	5	55	42	3	5	2	0	70	52	122
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	15	11	67	57	40	31	9	10	131	109	240
Foyle HSS Trust	23	25	114	136	36	34	2	6	175	201	376
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	25	23	126	119	37	27	7	8	195	177	372
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	10	4	27	25	11	12	1	2	49	43	92
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	38	12	111	132	28	15	3	3	180	162	342
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	18	14	92	81	39	28	8	2	157	125	282
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	11	6	39	36	11	18	2	2	63	62	125
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	21	26	49	54	64	36	6	6	140	122	262
Northern Ireland	190	135	754	775	322	239	48	47	1314	1196	2510

Source: LA2

Table 3.4: Children Looked After At 31 March 2004 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	12	7	14	9	29	28	6	12	9	7	2	4	72	67	139
Causeway HSS Trust	3	4	11	9	34	32	12	8	15	17	7	6	82	76	158
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	7	2	20	20	25	14	8	9	6	3	4	4	70	52	122
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	12	10	33	33	38	27	9	11	25	15	14	13	131	109	240
Foyle HSS Trust	15	11	16	19	34	49	40	45	40	43	30	34	175	201	376
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4	4	23	22	68	52	32	35	37	40	31	24	195	177	372
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	3	2	12	9	21	14	8	7	3	3	2	8	49	43	92
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	5	7	32	17	45	44	34	26	26	33	38	35	180	162	342
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	8	6	19	16	42	28	37	22	27	31	24	22	157	125	282
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	6	17	12	17	20	5	7	14	10	8	7	63	62	125
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	6	5	22	15	46	35	15	13	37	33	14	21	140	122	262
Northern Ireland	77	64	219	181	399	343	206	195	239	235	174	178	1314	1196	2510

Source: LA3

Table 3.5: Children Accommodated For Respite Care During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	1	26	28	3	1	0	0	30	30	60
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	24	25	1	0	1	0	26	25	51
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	9	13	2	0	26	8	37	21	58
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	7	6	25	10	3	6	2	0	37	22	59
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	22	21	4	0	0	0	26	21	47
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	79	38	52	52	46	35	0	1	177	126	303
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	19	15	1	1	0	0	20	16	36
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	0	18	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	38
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	1	31	28	0	0	0	0	31	29	60
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	18	15	2	3	0	1	20	19	39
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	27	18	30	25	4	1	0	2	61	46	107
Northern Ireland	115	64	274	251	66	47	29	12	484	374	858

Source: LA5

Table 3.6: Number Of Admissions During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	4	3	17	15	8	3	1	1	0	0	30	
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	24	14	2	3	0	0	1	1	27	18	45
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	8	7	6	14	17	11	0	1	3	0	34	33	67
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	3	59	45	4	6	2	5	5	2	70	61	131
Foyle HSS Trust	5	4	24	21	5	9	2	2	4	1	40	37	77
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	8	3	61	51	3	6	0	0	0	1	72	61	133
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	0	12	12	2	1	2	1	0	0	17	14	31
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	6	5	40	25	5	2	8	0	1	0	60	32	92
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	2	1	99	213	2	1	2	0	0	1	105	216	321
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	3	5	35	11	9	5	0	0	1	0	48	21	69
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	8	5	30	30	1	2	0	0	0	0	39	37	76
Northern Ireland	45	37	407	451	58	49	17	10	15	6	542	552	1094

Source: LA6

Table 3.7: Number Of Admissions During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	8	5	17	13	5	4	0	0	30	22	52
Causeway HSS Trust	1	1	22	14	3	2	1	1	27	18	45
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2	6	16	20	12	7	4	0	34	33	67
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	17	10	24	28	20	14	9	9	70	61	131
Foyle HSS Trust	9	4	21	22	9	11	1	0	40	37	77
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	4	7	55	47	9	5	4	2	72	61	133
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	0	10	10	3	2	2	2	17	14	31
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	17	6	12	11	31	15	0	0	60	32	92
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	1	1	96	215	3	0	5	0	105	216	321
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	2	1	37	8	6	10	3	2	48	21	69
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	9	7	18	24	11	6	1	0	39	37	76
Northern Ireland	72	48	328	412	112	76	30	16	542	552	1094

Source: LA7

Table 3.8: Number Of Discharges During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	4	5	0	3	6	3	2	2	3	1	3	1	18	15	33
Causeway HSS Trust	10	5	6	3	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	1	19	16	35
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1	11	5	4	5	6	4	1	6	1	1	4	22	27	49
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	21	15	18	10	11	8	1	1	5	3	5	4	61	41	102
Foyle HSS Trust	7	6	4	5	6	15	4	7	6	3	7	6	34	42	76
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	44	30	14	14	15	13	2	2	14	9	12	10	101	78	179
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	2	2	2	6	5	3	1	0	2	1	3	0	15	12	27
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	9	5	26	7	4	8	3	5	6	3	12	7	60	35	95
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	79	199	6	5	8	6	9	4	4	2	6	6	112	222	334
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	26	1	6	3	2	1	0	4	5	1	2	3	41	13	54
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	10	16	5	3	1	3	2	1	0	2	0	3	18	28	46
Northern Ireland	213	295	92	63	65	69	28	30	52	27	51	45	501	529	1030

Source: LA8

Table 3.9: Number Of Discharges Of Young Persons Aged 16 And Over During Year Ending 31 March 2004 By Gender And Age.

Provider	16		17		18		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	2	0	2	1	4	4	8	5	13
Causeway HSS Trust	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	5	6
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	3	2	2	5	6	7	11	18
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	8	6	1	5	7	5	16	16	32
Foyle HSS Trust	1	0	1	1	10	12	12	13	25
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	3	6	5	0	15	19	23	25	48
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	1	4	1	4	2	6
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	4	3	1	1	13	7	18	11	29
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	5	22	3	0	14	7	22	29	51
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	0	0	1	2	7	3	8	11
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	1	0	1	0	5	2	7	9
Northern Ireland	26	43	15	13	75	76	116	132	248

Source: LA9

Table 3.10: Number Of Young Persons Under 18 Years Who Are/Were Looked After During Year Ending 31 March 2004 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Craigavon and Banbridge HSS Trust	0	0	1	2	4	5	5	7	12
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northern Ireland	1	2	3	2	6	5	10	9	19

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 2004 By Service Type And Gender.

Provider	Financial Assistance		Ongoing Social Work		Other Agency Involvement		Total		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Armagh and Dungannon HSS Trust	8	12	13	13	28	28	49	53	102
Causeway HSS Trust	19	8	27	10	0	0	46	18	64
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	26	15	47	23	54	19	127	57	184
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	32	14	53	23	0	0	85	37	122
Foyle HSS Trust	35	15	61	36	0	0	96	51	147
Homefirst HSS Trust	53	29	70	35	0	0	123	64	187
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	8	5	12	6	0	0	20	11	31
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	67	47	79	64	133	115	279	226	505
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	50	17	64	22	0	0	114	39	153
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	3	2	20	10	0	0	23	12	35
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	25	16	47	26	0	0	72	42	114
Northern Ireland	326	180	493	268	215	162	1034	610	1644

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 2004.

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	1	1	2	8	6	14	5	6	11
Causeway HSS Trust	1	0	1	8	0	8	8	0	8
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	3	1	4	19	5	24	13	4	17
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	4	0	4	28	0	28	22	0	22
Foyle HSS Trust	8	0	8	59	0	59	43	0	43
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	5	3	8	44	19	63	46	30	76
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	1	2	6	4	10	4	5	9
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	4	1	5	32	35	67	27	33	59
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	1	4	24	6	30	23	0	23
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust ¹	4	1	5	19	7	26	20	0	20
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	4	2	6	55	13	68	35	13	48
Northern Ireland	38	11	49	302	95	397	245	90	336

Notes:

¹ There is one private home located in Sperrin Lakeland Trust area.

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

Average Weekly Occupied Places information has not been supplied for two homes.

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	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Causeway HSS Trust	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1	2	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1
Foyle HSS Trust	2	6	5	3	3	3	4	0	0	2
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	2	5	4	1	0	2	5	0	0	0
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	2	3	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	1
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	1
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	3	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	2	4	3	1	2	2	3	1	1	1
Northern Ireland	11	31	22	10	10	10	27	1	3	13

Source: HM4

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Table 5.1: Day Nursery Services At 31 March 2004.

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 2004
	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	265	0	0	7	265	32
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	5	235	1	35	6	270	15
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	2	119	13	686	2	53	17	858	46
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	21	661	2	42	23	703	0
Foyle HSS Trust	7	200	8	269	0	0	15	469	10
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	51	1838	0	0	51	1838	35
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	4	39	7	257	0	0	11	296	44
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	1	28	4	251	12	391	17	670	164
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	3	58	43	1786	5	90	51	1934	10
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	4	253	7	225	2	32	13	510	9
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	15	611	0	0	15	611	22
Northern Ireland	21	697	181	7084	24	643	226	8424	387

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 2004	
	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	168	786	422	9	42	26	11	6
Causeway HSS Trust	316	1896	948	31	181	90	4	9
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	240	975	583	10	13	6	11	17
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	419	2475	1223	0	0	0	30	10
Foyle HSS Trust	283	1014	671	10	50	30	10	7
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	922	4275	2551	45	162	110	52	66
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	41	105	0	1	1	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	358	2148	1074	30	90	59	44	36
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	446	2676	2078	26	60	45	62	35
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	210	910	516	0	0	0	2	1
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	547	2454	943	22	120	67	6	7
Northern Ireland	3950	19714	11009	184	719	433	232	194

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 2004
	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	857	5	96	43	953	10
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	29	708	6	146	35	854	35
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	3	53	25	594	5	124	33	771	12
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	0	0	4	60	53	1241	7	178	64	1479	43
Foyle HSS Trust	3	82	0	0	52	1351	1	24	56	1457	10
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	4	141	97	2239	29	211	130	2591	40
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	26	687	1	20	27	707	13
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	1	24	45	1327	1	16	47	1367	85
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	1	6	41	962	19	420	61	1388	13
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	24	5	107	47	1107	4	91	57	1329	1
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	43	1069	12	264	55	1333	8
Northern Ireland	4	106	18	391	496	12142	90	1590	608	14229	270

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	19	416	0	0	19	416
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	220	6	120	17	340
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	293	14	282	25	575
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	1	26	0	0	0	0	3	72	11	239	15	337
Foyle HSS Trust	2	60	0	0	0	0	17	372	5	97	24	529
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	382	8	187	27	569
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	48	0	0	0	0	7	185	1	32	9	265
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	45	948	47	1004
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	3	72	1	16	25	627	29	715
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	1	24	26	572	2	40	29	636
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	9	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	186
Northern Ireland	13	320	0	0	4	96	116	2584	117	2572	250	5572

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	3	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	5	120
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	1	24	0	0	3	3	1	1	7	55	9	234	21	317	
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	3	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	4	135	
Foyle HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	104	0	0	2	48	7	152	
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	1	48	0	0	0	0	7	185	0	0	1	32	9	265	
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	366	5	392	
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	1	32	0	0	0	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	2	72	
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	1	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	64	
Northern Ireland	11	381	0	0	3	3	14	330	7	55	19	748	54	1517	

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	64	148	0	0	5	11	69	159	0
Causeway HSS Trust	31	33	0	0	0	0	31	33	0	0
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust	38	89	179	260	18	21	235	370	0	0
Down Lisburn HSS Trust	148	113	30	47	0	0	178	160	25	22
Foyle HSS Trust	100	274	8	36	0	0	108	310	10	18
Homefirst Community HSS Trust	438	740	141	128	0	0	579	868	6	10
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	68	114	0	0	68	114	23	26
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	354	432	798	941	0	0	1152	1373	0	0
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	71	77	0	0	0	0	71	77	47	52
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	80	206	0	0	0	0	80	206	0	0
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	83	86	0	0	83	86	83	86
Northern Ireland	1324	2112	1307	1612	23	32	2654	3756	194	214

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 2004.

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	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
Armagh and 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	2	1	2	3
Causeway HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon Area Hospital Group HSS Trust	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Craigavon and 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	3	0	4	0	7	0	7
Green Park Healthcare HSS Trust	0	0	5	2	2	7	0	2	7	11	18
Mater Infirmorum Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North and West Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	3	1	5	1	10	6	18	8	26
Royal Group of Hospitals HSS Trust	10	11	1	0	0	6	0	0	11	17	28
South and East Belfast HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	8
United Hospitals and Homefirst HSS Trusts	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9
Northern Ireland	25	22	9	3	11	15	15	10	60	50	110

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 2004 And Who Receive Social Work Support Or Services By Service Provided And Gender.

Provider	Educational Tuition		Day Care Services Shared Care Using to Child/Other Family Members				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 and Dungannon HSS Trust	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Belfast City Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Craigavon and 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	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	15	0
Green Park Healthcare HSS Trust	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	7	2
Mater Infirmorum Hospital HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newry and 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	11	5	0	0	10	3	2	0	4	2	0	0	9	4	54	17
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	1	0	1	0
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5
United Hospitals and Homefirst HSS Trusts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	5
Northern Ireland	16	6	0	0	13	4	2	1	4	3	1	1	24	13	90	39

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, 2003/04

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 for 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.

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 2003/2004). 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:

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