

Children Order Statistical Tables

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Key Points - Children on the Child Protection Register

- There were 1,593 children on the child protection register at 31 March 2005, of which 9% were aged under one year old (Table 1.1).
- Over a third (35%) of children on the child protection register at 31 March 2005 were assessed to be at risk of neglect (only) (Table 1.2).
- At 31 March 2005, almost 6 in 10 (58%) children had been on the child protection register for less than one year (Table 1.5).
- There were 1,129 registrations, 162 re-registrations and 940 de-registrations relating to the child protection register during 2004/05 (Tables 1.7, 1.9 and 1.10).

Table 1.1: Number of Children on Child Protection Register by Gender and Age

Trust	Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	25	12	32	22	54	45	29	27	5	3	145	109	254
South & East Belfast	6	7	27	22	35	44	21	23	8	15	97	111	208
Ulster Community & Hospitals	8	5	22	14	40	41	15	22	4	4	89	86	175
Down Lisburn	10	5	20	19	44	39	16	20	3	3	93	86	179
Causeway	2	4	10	5	19	15	11	12	3	3	45	39	84
Homefirst	9	7	31	29	42	33	16	19	0	4	98	92	190
Armagh & Dungannon	3	4	16	14	11	9	8	6	2	0	40	33	73
Craigavon & Banbridge	5	5	8	2	6	10	8	5	0	0	27	22	49
Newry & Mourne	5	3	9	9	18	6	4	5	2	3	38	26	64
Foyle	5	9	30	23	39	37	26	21	5	8	105	98	203
Sperrin Lakeland	4	0	8	8	29	28	16	19	2	0	59	55	114
Northern Ireland	82	61	213	167	337	307	170	179	34	43	836	757	1,593

Source: CPR1

Table 1.2: Number of Children on Child Protection Register by Category of Abuse where Category of Abuse is Confirmed, Suspected or Potential

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	0	16	9	5	110	55	37	22	254
South & East Belfast	4	12	1	6	65	54	25	41	208
Ulster Community & Hospitals	5	18	4	3	41	15	33	56	175
Down Lisburn	0	34	10	3	57	37	28	10	179
Causeway	0	7	3	0	26	18	8	22	84
Homefirst	1	22	1	3	91	41	17	14	190
Armagh & Dungannon	0	16	10	0	12	14	11	10	73
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	1	0	1	9	23	2	13	49
Newry & Mourne	1	1	0	0	19	12	17	14	64
Foyle	2	19	3	9	76	31	33	30	203
Sperrin Lakeland	2	7	8	0	48	16	23	10	114
Northern Ireland	15	153	49	30	554	316	234	242	1,593

Source: CPR2

Table 1.3: Number of Referrals to Child Protection Register Made During Year by Source of Referral

Trust	Police	School / EWO ¹	Voluntary Org.	GP	Social Services	Comm. Nursing	Relative	Neighbour / Friend	Hospital	Self	Anon	Other	Total
North & West Belfast	75	46	11	6	188	11	27	7	14	3	12	60	460
South & East Belfast	32	11	3	0	46	10	28	0	17	9	0	13	169
Ulster Community & Hospitals	29	15	0	6	58	9	36	4	3	1	0	14	175
Down Lisburn	60	25	8	17	128	21	46	3	17	5	31	48	409
Causeway	22	21	0	0	49	12	31	4	0	0	11	18	168
Homefirst	17	13	0	0	150	11	6	0	4	0	4	22	227
Armagh & Dungannon	29	18	0	2	97	12	38	5	2	2	30	46	281
Craigavon & Banbridge	33	20	1	4	54	12	52	8	8	1	7	11	211
Newry & Mourne	27	33	3	16	152	14	42	12	20	8	9	24	360
Foyle	37	17	2	8	88	7	29	4	7	0	6	19	224
Sperrin Lakeland	11	0	0	0	79	1	0	0	4	0	3	1	99
Northern Ireland	372	219	28	59	1,089	120	335	47	96	29	113	276	2,783

¹ EWO - Education Welfare Officer

Source: CPR3

Table 1.4: Legal Status of all Children on Child Protection Register

Trust	Emergency Protection Order (Article 63 & 64)	Accommodated Under Article 21	Interim Care Order (Article 57)	Care Order (Article 50 or 59)	Deemed Care Order (Paras 11 & 30 of Sch 8)	Interim Supervision Order (Article 57)	Other	None	Total
North & West Belfast	0	20	21	10	0	0	2	201	254
South & East Belfast	2	23	18	15	1	0	5	144	208
Ulster Community & Hospitals	2	21	12	8	0	0	0	132	175
Down Lisburn	2	24	17	9	0	2	1	124	179
Causeway	2	10	5	3	0	0	0	64	84
Homefirst	1	16	14	3	0	0	2	154	190
Armagh & Dungannon	0	9	10	7	0	0	4	43	73
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	4	7	1	0	0	2	34	49
Newry & Mourne	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	57	64
Foyle	1	18	17	5	2	0	3	157	203
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	110	114
Northern Ireland	11	151	126	61	3	2	19	1,220	1,593

Source: CPR4

Table 1.5: Length of Time on Child Protection Register for all Current Cases

Trust	< 3 Months	3 Months < 6 Months	6 Months < 1 Year	1 Year < 2 Years	2 Years < 3 Years	3 + Years	Total
North & West Belfast	48	45	45	57	39	20	254
South & East Belfast	22	26	42	45	39	34	208
Ulster Community & Hospitals	32	39	36	34	26	8	175
Down Lisburn	11	47	41	52	7	21	179
Causeway	23	14	26	19	1	1	84
Homefirst	39	45	52	38	9	7	190
Armagh & Dungannon	9	20	18	22	3	1	73
Craigavon & Banbridge	13	11	15	10	0	0	49
Newry & Mourne	17	4	27	4	5	7	64
Foyle	38	36	43	39	22	25	203
Sperrin Lakeland	13	12	18	36	17	18	114
Northern Ireland	265	299	363	356	168	142	1,593

Source: CPR5

Table 1.6: Number of Investigations Completed During Year Under Child Protection Procedures

Trust	Joint Protocol Investigation	Social Work Investigation	Police Investigation	Total
North & West Belfast	65	412	1	478
South & East Belfast	20	108	0	128
Ulster Community & Hospitals	36	139	2	177
Down Lisburn	35	239	9	283
Causeway	24	122	0	146
Homefirst	62	152	2	216
Armagh & Dungannon	26	105	1	132
Craigavon & Banbridge	44	29	4	77
Newry & Mourne	15	48	0	63
Foyle	39	167	8	214
Sperrin Lakeland	15	71	0	86
Northern Ireland	381	1,592	27	2,000

Source: CPR6

Table 1.7: Number of Registrations During Year by Gender and Age

Trust	Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	28	16	14	6	29	30	14	13	1	2	86	67	153
South & East Belfast	11	10	13	11	18	21	8	21	1	3	51	66	117
Ulster Community & Hospitals	11	9	15	6	26	26	10	16	3	4	65	61	126
Down Lisburn	13	9	14	14	26	24	11	17	0	3	64	67	131
Causeway	3	5	7	3	15	9	15	10	0	2	40	29	69
Homefirst	17	12	21	21	32	29	15	13	0	1	85	76	161
Armagh & Dungannon	8	7	10	8	9	7	3	8	1	0	31	30	61
Craigavon & Banbridge	7	6	7	4	9	13	7	5	0	0	30	28	58
Newry & Mourne	7	4	5	11	11	9	5	7	2	1	30	32	62
Foyle	7	10	20	14	25	23	14	14	2	1	68	62	130
Sperrin Lakeland	5	4	9	5	11	9	7	10	1	0	33	28	61
Northern Ireland	117	92	135	103	211	200	109	134	11	17	583	546	1,129

Source: CPR7

Table 1.8: Number of Registrations During Year Where Category of Abuse is Confirmed, Suspected or Potential

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	0	11	5	2	70	30	26	9	153
South & East Belfast	4	11	5	3	38	32	11	13	117
Ulster Community & Hospitals	4	12	4	4	37	18	25	22	126
Down Lisburn	1	28	10	1	38	32	13	8	131
Causeway	0	8	3	0	22	14	9	13	69
Homefirst	0	19	2	3	73	35	9	20	161
Armagh & Dungannon	0	6	10	3	13	15	10	4	61
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	0	2	19	22	3	12	58
Newry & Mourne	1	1	1	0	18	5	19	17	62
Foyle	1	7	3	1	56	20	30	12	130
Sperrin Lakeland	0	11	2	1	22	9	12	4	61
Northern Ireland	11	114	45	20	406	232	167	134	1,129

Source: CPR8

Table 1.9: Number of Re-Registrations to Child Protection Register During Year

Trust	Re-Registrations to Child Protection Register during year
North & West Belfast	17
South & East Belfast	21
Ulster Community & Hospitals	31
Down Lisburn	24
Causeway	19
Homefirst	13
Armagh & Dungannon	11
Craigavon & Banbridge	5
Newry & Mourne	3
Foyle	14
Sperrin Lakeland	4
Northern Ireland	162

Source: CPR9

Table 1.10: Cases Removed from Child Protection Register During Year by Length of Time on Child Protection Register

Trust	< 3 Months	3 Months < 6 Months	6 Months < 1 Year	1 Year < 2 Years	2 Years < 3 Years	3 Years < 5 Years	5 Years < 10 Years	10 + Years	Total
North & West Belfast	2	7	43	55	38	19	9	0	173
South & East Belfast	0	21	20	20	25	4	1	0	91
Ulster Community & Hospitals	3	18	24	38	3	4	0	0	90
Down Lisburn	9	18	45	42	7	8	0	0	129
Causeway	1	9	7	4	12	6	0	0	39
Homefirst	6	32	30	38	16	11	0	0	133
Armagh & Dungannon	9	10	19	15	12	0	0	0	65
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	15	10	20	0	0	0	0	49
Newry & Mourne	6	8	6	3	7	0	0	0	30
Foyle	0	11	16	13	12	5	10	0	67
Sperrin Lakeland	13	4	23	20	7	7	0	0	74
Northern Ireland	53	153	243	268	139	64	20	0	940

Source: CPR10

Table 1.11: Initial Case Conferences During Year by Outcome

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	151	41	192
South & East Belfast	106	30	136
Ulster Community & Hospitals	125	5	130
Down Lisburn	131	12	143
Causeway	69	15	84
Homefirst	158	45	203
Armagh & Dungannon	60	13	73
Craigavon & Banbridge	55	16	71
Newry & Mourne	62	13	75
Foyle	122	18	140
Sperrin Lakeland	61	14	75
Northern Ireland	1,100	222	1,322

Source: CPR11

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Key Points - Children in Need

- There were 26,623 referrals to Social Services, 16,027 episodes of involvement of children with Social Services and 17,548 children referred to Social Services during 2004/05 (Table 2.1).
- 28% of children referred to Social Services during the year 2004/05 were aged under 5 years old (Table 2.2).
- During 2004/05, 62% of children referred to Social Services were allocated for further action (service or assessment) (Table 2.3).

Table 2.1: Number of Referrals, Episodes and Children Referred to Social Services During Year

Trust	Number of Referrals	Number of Episodes	Number of Children
North & West Belfast	2,573	2,075	2,020
South & East Belfast	5,240	1,441	1,864
Ulster Community & Hospitals	1,679	1,274	1,288
Down Lisburn	2,861	1,793	1,796
Causeway	1,503	910	1,049
Homefirst	3,486	2,655	2,626
Armagh & Dungannon	1,791	906	1,198
Craigavon & Banbridge	2,347	1,448	1,724
Newry & Mourne	1,273	1,097	1,076
Foyle	1,726	1,441	1,544
Sperrin Lakeland	2,144	987	1,363
Northern Ireland	26,623	16,027	17,548

Source: N1

Table 2.2: Number of Children Referred During the Year, by Gender and Age

Trust	0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	333	299	349	308	275	245	86	120	1,043	972	2,015
South & East Belfast	286	236	325	298	232	255	114	109	957	898	1,855
Ulster Community & Hospitals	179	168	227	229	170	181	57	72	633	650	1,283
Down Lisburn	275	250	326	282	211	270	94	79	906	881	1,787
Causeway	145	116	161	148	204	130	75	64	585	458	1,043
Homefirst	408	309	514	376	389	300	169	153	1,480	1,138	2,618
Armagh & Dungannon	203	156	246	202	140	148	40	63	629	569	1,198
Craigavon & Banbridge	235	199	327	317	261	210	63	112	886	838	1,724
Newry & Mourne	158	130	181	179	133	156	63	68	535	533	1,068
Foyle	242	204	291	291	192	209	45	70	770	774	1,544
Sperrin Lakeland	184	145	267	220	221	161	91	74	763	600	1,363
Northern Ireland	2,648	2,212	3,214	2,850	2,428	2,265	897	984	9,187	8,311	17,498

Source: N2

Table 2.3: Number of Children Referred During the Year, by Current Status and Gender

Trust	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		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	0	1	377	330	9	8	456	420	201	213	1,043	972	2,015
South & East Belfast	0	2	351	381	13	15	501	432	92	68	957	898	1,855
Ulster Community & Hospitals	3	2	108	113	0	0	507	514	15	21	633	650	1,283
Down Lisburn	10	1	283	309	5	3	518	469	90	99	906	881	1,787
Causeway	1	0	232	140	2	5	181	142	169	171	585	458	1,043
Homefirst	5	7	413	264	2	2	987	801	73	64	1,480	1,138	2,618
Armagh & Dungannon	7	4	121	121	3	1	321	278	177	165	629	569	1,198
Craigavon & Banbridge	20	11	219	197	7	3	602	599	38	28	886	838	1,724
Newry & Mourne	17	12	165	171	1	0	246	238	106	112	535	533	1,068
Foyle	0	0	1	1	0	0	767	773	2	0	770	774	1,544
Sperrin Lakeland	5	2	167	82	2	0	555	483	34	33	763	600	1,363
Northern Ireland	68	42	2,437	2,109	44	37	5,641	5,149	997	974	9,187	8,311	17,498

Source: N2

Table 2.4: Number of Children with a Disability / Mental Health Problem Referred During Year

Trust	Visually Disabled		Hearing Impaired		Physically Disabled		Learning Disabled		Mental Health		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	11	4	9	6	33	20	13	7	0	0	66	37	103
South & East Belfast	2	2	4	1	17	5	18	7	2	0	43	15	58
Ulster Community & Hospitals	2	1	7	8	15	8	24	14	1	1	49	32	81
Down Lisburn	3	3	4	1	8	10	34	15	0	0	49	29	78
Causeway	1	0	2	1	2	4	12	7	0	0	17	12	29
Homefirst	5	5	4	12	18	19	58	28	0	0	85	64	149
Armagh & Dungannon	2	4	2	2	14	4	11	6	0	0	29	16	45
Craigavon & Banbridge	5	4	1	4	7	4	42	27	0	0	55	39	94
Newry & Mourne	7	8	4	6	4	5	7	4	0	0	22	23	45
Foyle	11	8	12	5	39	33	18	11	0	0	80	57	137
Sperrin Lakeland	3	6	7	2	13	21	66	30	1	0	90	59	149
Northern Ireland	52	45	56	48	170	133	303	156	4	1	585	383	968

Source: N3

Table 2.5: Number of Episodes During Year, by Presenting Category and Gender

Trust	Awaiting Assessment		Child Subject to Child Protection Investigation		Other		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	910	797	141	182	0	0	1,051	979	2,030
South & East Belfast	687	609	49	44	0	0	736	653	1,389
Ulster Community & Hospitals	542	579	23	29	0	0	565	608	1,173
Down Lisburn	775	753	106	119	2	1	883	873	1,756
Causeway	442	334	40	39	0	0	482	373	855
Homefirst	1,379	1,041	55	62	0	0	1,434	1,103	2,537
Armagh & Dungannon	394	339	45	76	0	0	439	415	854
Craigavon & Banbridge	655	606	51	52	21	19	727	677	1,404
Newry & Mourne	403	377	149	158	0	0	552	535	1,087
Foyle	614	618	36	60	1	4	651	682	1,333
Sperrin Lakeland	505	430	10	15	0	0	515	445	960
Northern Ireland	7,306	6,483	705	836	24	24	8,035	7,343	15,378

Source: N4

Table 2.6: Number of Episodes During Year, by Presenting Category, Religion and Gender

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	179	161	50	34	41	48	3	1	9	9	5	9	764	717	1,051	979	2,030
South & East Belfast	10	9	4	5	16	17	1	0	7	5	9	9	689	608	736	653	1,389
Ulster Community & Hospitals	2	7	2	6	9	11	1	2	7	15	167	203	377	364	565	608	1,173
Down Lisburn	123	132	8	7	11	7	0	0	13	8	14	5	714	714	883	873	1,756
Causeway	4	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	43	434	325	482	373	855
Homefirst	45	32	26	33	3	5	1	2	247	185	22	22	1,090	824	1,434	1,103	2,537
Armagh & Dungannon	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	425	406	439	415	854
Craigavon & Banbridge	50	52	1	3	2	5	0	0	17	22	155	130	502	465	727	677	1,404
Newry & Mourne	20	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	101	101	429	414	552	535	1,087
Foyle	461	506	44	48	42	51	0	0	27	29	11	2	66	46	651	682	1,333
Sperrin Lakeland	67	70	5	6	8	8	1	2	6	6	11	2	417	351	515	445	960
Northern Ireland	969	997	142	145	133	152	7	7	334	279	543	529	5,907	5,234	8,035	7,343	15,378

Source: N5a

Table 2.7: Number of Episodes During Year, by Presenting Category, Ethnic Group and Gender

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	565	505	0	0	5	2	0	2	0	0	8	3	473	467	1,051	979	2,030
South & East Belfast	85	88	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	8	5	634	551	736	653	1,389
Ulster Community & Hospitals	254	307	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	308	298	565	608	1,173
Down Lisburn	195	188	0	0	4	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	682	679	883	873	1,756
Causeway	31	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	449	359	482	373	855
Homefirst	428	331	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	2	8	1,002	759	1,434	1,103	2,537
Armagh & Dungannon	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	32	409	371	439	415	854
Craigavon & Banbridge	340	326	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	165	140	222	207	727	677	1,404
Newry & Mourne	34	31	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	510	502	552	535	1,087
Foyle	575	616	2	4	17	14	0	2	1	5	7	4	49	37	651	682	1,333
Sperrin Lakeland	226	198	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4	284	242	515	445	960
Northern Ireland	2,742	2,615	7	11	35	25	3	9	9	14	217	197	5,022	4,472	8,035	7,343	15,378

Source: N5b

Table 2.8: Number of Episodes During Year, by Category After Initial Assessment and Gender ¹

Trust	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		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	175	214	23	17	138	122	13	18	349	371	720
South & East Belfast	49	43	39	12	80	76	28	15	196	146	342
Ulster Community & Hospitals	28	35	19	9	347	377	6	3	400	424	824
Down Lisburn	109	118	28	16	153	134	15	8	305	276	581
Causeway	54	42	3	2	4	18	13	9	74	71	145
Homefirst	59	61	55	27	476	384	72	53	662	525	1,187
Armagh & Dungannon	47	73	26	5	64	52	6	10	143	140	283
Craigavon & Banbridge	56	57	20	19	234	241	33	35	343	352	695
Newry & Mourne	144	160	26	23	76	63	12	11	258	257	515
Foyle	36	62	42	27	551	584	3	4	632	677	1,309
Sperrin Lakeland	11	16	22	20	171	178	2	1	206	215	421
Northern Ireland	768	881	303	177	2,294	2,229	203	167	3,568	3,454	7,022

¹ 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 During Year, by Category After Initial Assessment, Religion and Gender

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	143	129	47	34	38	43	3	1	5	6	4	6	620	572	860	791	1,651
South & East Belfast	9	5	3	4	10	14	0	0	3	3	7	8	503	408	535	442	977
Ulster Community & Hospitals	2	5	2	4	9	11	1	2	7	11	159	196	320	312	500	541	1,041
Down Lisburn	113	116	7	7	10	6	0	0	12	6	13	4	590	600	745	739	1,484
Causeway	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	288	188	311	209	520
Homefirst	36	24	24	31	3	5	1	2	235	168	21	22	900	671	1,220	923	2,143
Armagh & Dungannon	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	242	229	250	236	486
Craigavon & Banbridge	50	51	1	3	2	5	0	0	16	21	123	113	452	433	644	626	1,270
Newry & Mourne	18	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	82	81	359	335	461	432	893
Foyle	453	504	44	48	42	51	0	0	27	29	10	2	55	43	631	677	1,308
Sperrin Lakeland	43	47	4	6	6	7	0	0	6	6	6	2	310	246	375	314	689
Northern Ireland	873	902	134	140	121	142	5	5	312	250	448	454	4,639	4,037	6,532	5,930	12,462

Source: N7a

Table 2.10: Number of Episodes During Year, by Category After Initial Assessment, Ethnic Group and Gender

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	502	443	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	6	1	348	343	860	791	1,651
South & East Belfast	61	71	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	8	3	457	359	535	442	977
Ulster Community & Hospitals	224	266	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	273	272	500	541	1,041
Down Lisburn	176	161	0	0	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	564	572	745	739	1,484
Causeway	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	302	206	311	209	520
Homefirst	394	295	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	8	823	615	1,220	923	2,143
Armagh & Dungannon	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	12	236	217	250	236	486
Craigavon & Banbridge	311	308	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	131	121	202	193	644	626	1,270
Newry & Mourne	29	27	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	424	403	461	432	893
Foyle	567	615	2	4	17	14	0	2	1	5	7	4	37	33	631	677	1,308
Sperrin Lakeland	152	130	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	219	182	375	314	689
Northern Ireland	2,431	2,325	7	11	33	25	3	9	8	14	165	151	3,885	3,395	6,532	5,930	12,462

Source: N7b

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Key Points - Children Looked After

- There were 2,531 children looked after at 31 March 2005, half of which were aged 12 years or over (Table 3.1).
- During 2004/05, 54% of looked after children were subject to care orders or deemed care orders (Table 3.2).
- Of all looked after children at 31 March 2005, 57% were placed in foster care, 27% were placed with family, and 13% were in residential care (Table 3.3).
- Over half (51%) of children looked after at 31 March 2005 had been looked after for more than three years (Table 3.4).
- There were 983 children accommodated for respite care in 2004/05 (Table 3.5).
- In 2004/05 there were 935 admissions and 895 discharges to and from care respectively (Tables 3.6 and 3.8).

Table 3.1: Children Looked After by Gender and Age

Trust	Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	4	2	20	19	71	54	60	52	19	30	174	157	331
South & East Belfast	7	5	27	21	56	41	49	38	37	27	176	132	308
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	3	17	9	49	34	47	40	20	38	133	124	257
Down Lisburn	4	3	15	13	47	41	56	35	20	15	142	107	249
Causeway	1	1	7	9	35	32	25	27	26	17	94	86	180
Homefirst	4	1	32	34	53	54	65	52	30	28	184	169	353
Armagh & Dungannon	1	2	14	18	32	23	26	28	12	10	85	81	166
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	1	13	12	25	19	23	8	9	7	74	47	121
Newry & Mourne	1	1	9	9	17	14	18	17	9	9	54	50	104
Foyle	2	9	15	20	57	75	64	49	23	29	161	182	343
Sperrin Lakeland	3	2	6	9	20	20	21	18	10	10	60	59	119
Northern Ireland	31	30	175	173	462	407	454	364	215	220	1,337	1,194	2,531

Source: LA1

Table 3.2: Children Looked After by Legal Status and Gender

Trust	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		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	41	32	14	12	85	79	31	32	3	2	174	157	331
South & East Belfast	40	35	18	17	88	52	28	25	2	3	176	132	308
Ulster Community & Hospitals	65	63	16	10	43	51	7	0	2	0	133	124	257
Down Lisburn	66	43	14	13	36	38	20	11	6	2	142	107	249
Causeway	42	35	16	11	24	23	11	16	1	1	94	86	180
Homefirst	38	27	20	17	89	86	33	33	4	6	184	169	353
Armagh & Dungannon	38	23	14	18	29	36	4	4	0	0	85	81	166
Craigavon & Banbridge	14	6	20	15	37	23	3	2	0	1	74	47	121
Newry & Mourne	35	29	11	10	4	3	3	8	1	0	54	50	104
Foyle	44	44	13	26	67	75	35	34	2	3	161	182	343
Sperrin Lakeland	20	14	11	9	21	24	8	9	0	3	60	59	119
Northern Ireland	443	351	167	158	523	490	183	174	21	21	1,337	1,194	2,531

Source: LA1

Table 3.3: Children Looked After by Placement and Gender

Trust	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed With Family		Other ¹		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	28	18	80	77	61	57	5	5	174	157	331
South & East Belfast	20	9	89	87	61	34	6	2	176	132	308
Ulster Community & Hospitals	18	21	57	53	54	44	4	6	133	124	257
Down Lisburn	14	12	68	54	49	36	11	5	142	107	249
Causeway	10	6	59	57	19	19	6	4	94	86	180
Homefirst	27	13	113	113	35	30	9	13	184	169	353
Armagh & Dungannon	22	12	31	44	28	23	4	2	85	81	166
Craigavon & Banbridge	13	3	56	37	4	6	1	1	74	47	121
Newry & Mourne	9	6	25	28	17	14	3	2	54	50	104
Foyle	19	17	104	128	35	28	3	9	161	182	343
Sperrin Lakeland	14	6	36	36	9	11	1	6	60	59	119
Northern Ireland	194	123	718	714	372	302	53	55	1,337	1,194	2,531

¹ Other Accommodation may include: independent living, supported accommodation, secure accommodation, hospital, hostels, aftercare facilities, simon community, respite care facilities, bed & breakfast accommodation, bed-sits, dependent living etc.

Source: LA2

Table 3.4: Children Looked After by Duration of Being Looked After and Gender

Trust	< 3 Months		3 Months < 1 Year		1 Year < 3 Years		3 Years < 5 Years		5 Years < 10 Years		10 + Years		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	7	9	29	19	47	31	29	31	34	40	28	27	174	157	331
South & East Belfast	13	9	20	18	43	25	37	26	39	32	24	22	176	132	308
Ulster Community & Hospitals	9	16	16	17	31	28	26	18	36	31	15	14	133	124	257
Down Lisburn	18	8	27	24	42	39	17	14	24	13	15	8	143	106	249
Causeway	5	8	17	11	29	25	19	18	12	11	12	13	94	86	180
Homefirst	7	6	26	21	48	42	39	30	31	44	33	26	184	169	353
Armagh & Dungannon	19	13	11	9	33	24	12	19	7	12	3	4	85	81	166
Craigavon & Banbridge	3	1	15	6	32	24	16	7	5	4	3	5	74	47	121
Newry & Mourne	1	2	9	11	27	21	10	5	4	2	3	9	54	50	104
Foyle	5	5	10	18	38	43	24	36	55	49	29	31	161	182	343
Sperrin Lakeland	3	2	6	10	25	20	7	9	15	11	4	7	60	59	119
Northern Ireland	90	79	186	164	395	322	236	213	262	249	169	166	1,338	1,193	2,531

Source: LA3

Table 3.5: Children Accommodated for Respite Care by Placement and Gender

Trust	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed With Family		Other ¹		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	2	1	30	32	4	7	0	0	36	40	76
South & East Belfast	0	0	34	27	0	1	0	0	34	28	62
Ulster Community & Hospitals	28	20	28	22	6	0	0	1	62	43	105
Down Lisburn	7	5	30	22	5	4	0	4	42	35	77
Causeway	0	0	30	30	1	0	0	0	31	30	61
Homefirst	57	49	58	44	63	49	17	3	195	145	340
Armagh & Dungannon	2	1	34	26	4	4	1	0	41	31	72
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	0	17	12	4	0	20	8	43	20	63
Newry & Mourne	0	0	19	16	0	0	0	0	19	16	35
Foyle	0	0	25	33	5	1	0	0	30	34	64
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	15	11	0	0	0	2	15	13	28
Northern Ireland	98	76	320	275	92	66	38	18	548	435	983

¹ Other Accommodation may include: independent living, supported accommodation, secure accommodation, hospital, hostels, aftercare facilities, simon community, respite care facilities, bed & breakfast accommodation, bed-sits, dependent living etc.

Source: LA5

Table 3.6: Number of Admissions During the Year by Legal Status and Gender

Trust	Emergency Protection Order (Article 63 & 64)		Accommodated Under Article 21		Interim Care Order (Article 57)		Care Order (Article 50 or 59)		Other		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	2	1	34	24	13	10	1	0	1	1	51	36	87
South & East Belfast	0	2	42	138	13	9	0	0	2	2	57	151	208
Ulster Community & Hospitals	6	3	28	33	1	4	2	1	0	0	37	41	78
Down Lisburn	5	9	46	30	6	4	1	1	1	0	59	44	103
Causeway	3	0	21	35	1	2	1	2	3	2	29	41	70
Homefirst	8	4	60	52	5	6	0	0	2	1	75	63	138
Armagh & Dungannon	3	2	29	17	2	5	0	0	0	0	34	24	58
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	1	11	8	10	7	3	1	0	0	26	17	43
Newry & Mourne	0	2	9	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	10	14	24
Foyle	5	6	10	14	1	4	0	0	0	1	16	25	41
Sperrin Lakeland	57	17	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	4	61	24	85
Northern Ireland	91	47	292	362	53	55	8	5	11	11	455	480	935

Source: LA6

Table 3.7: Number of Admissions During the Year by Placement and Gender

Trust	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed With Family		Other ¹		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	14	7	21	10	15	19	1	0	51	36	87
South & East Belfast	3	0	43	147	10	3	1	1	57	151	208
Ulster Community & Hospitals	11	10	13	11	7	15	6	5	37	41	78
Down Lisburn	15	9	26	18	11	15	7	2	59	44	103
Causeway	0	0	26	40	3	1	0	0	29	41	70
Homefirst	10	3	54	51	8	7	3	2	75	63	138
Armagh & Dungannon	17	8	11	12	6	4	0	0	34	24	58
Craigavon & Banbridge	5	2	14	8	2	4	5	3	26	17	43
Newry & Mourne	1	2	4	10	5	1	0	1	10	14	24
Foyle	4	6	9	11	3	7	0	1	16	25	41
Sperrin Lakeland	4	0	56	15	0	6	1	3	61	24	85
Northern Ireland	84	47	277	333	70	82	24	18	455	480	935

¹ Other Accommodation may include: independent living, supported accommodation, secure accommodation, hospital, hostels, aftercare facilities, simon community, respite care facilities, bed & breakfast accommodation, bed-sits, dependent living etc.

Source: LA7

Table 3.8: Number of Discharges During Year by Duration of Being Looked After and Gender

Trust	< 3 Months		3 Months < 1 Year		1 Year < 3 Years		3 Years < 5 Years		5 Years < 10 Years		10 + Years		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	10	5	9	13	18	7	8	4	3	2	9	14	57	45	102
South & East Belfast	23	124	2	1	4	4	1	5	2	5	4	4	36	143	179
Ulster Community & Hospitals	12	7	4	4	9	8	6	2	3	4	2	5	36	30	66
Down Lisburn	20	9	15	17	16	12	3	2	2	0	4	8	60	48	108
Causeway	7	21	2	2	3	5	2	2	2	0	1	0	17	30	47
Homefirst	32	31	16	10	12	13	6	5	9	4	6	6	81	69	150
Armagh & Dungannon	6	2	6	2	5	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	21	10	31
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	4	5	6	6	2	3	2	5	2	2	3	25	19	44
Newry & Mourne	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	5	7	12
Foyle	0	2	3	3	4	7	10	10	5	7	4	9	26	38	64
Sperrin Lakeland	49	13	4	0	7	9	2	1	1	2	4	0	67	25	92
Northern Ireland	163	218	67	60	86	71	45	39	34	26	36	50	431	464	895

Source: LA8

Table 3.9: Number of Discharges of Young Persons Aged 16 and Over During Year by Gender and Age

Trust	Age						Total		
	16		17		18		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
North & West Belfast	4	4	2	0	11	17	17	21	38
South & East Belfast	1	5	0	21	4	6	5	32	37
Ulster Community & Hospitals	6	2	1	0	7	9	14	11	25
Down Lisburn	5	2	7	3	7	7	19	12	31
Causeway	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
Homefirst	4	2	1	2	9	11	14	15	29
Armagh & Dungannon	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	5
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	1	0	0	8	6	10	7	17
Newry & Mourne	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	5
Foyle	1	2	2	0	9	22	12	24	36
Sperrin Lakeland	1	1	0	0	7	2	8	3	11
Northern Ireland	27	23	15	27	64	83	106	133	239

Source: LA9

Table 3.10: Number of Young Persons Under 18 Years who are/were Looked After During Year but are in 'Independent Living' by Gender and Age

Trust	Age						Total		
	Under 16		16		17		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
North & West Belfast	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
South & East Belfast	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	0	1	6	2	6	3	9
Down Lisburn	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homefirst	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	1	2	0	0	3	2	4	6
Newry & Mourne	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Foyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Northern Ireland	0	2	2	2	10	8	12	12	24

Source: LA10

Table 3.11: Number of Young Persons Between 16 and 21 who are/were Looked After and Received Services During Year by Service Type and Gender ¹

Trust	Financial Assistance		Ongoing Social Work		Other Agency Involvement		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
North & West Belfast	48	61	69	87	163	217	280	365	645
South & East Belfast	33	32	41	37	0	0	74	69	143
Ulster Community & Hospitals	20	31	33	44	0	0	53	75	128
Down Lisburn	28	18	41	32	0	0	69	50	119
Causeway	21	15	29	20	0	0	50	35	85
Homefirst	32	32	42	43	0	0	74	75	149
Armagh & Dungannon	9	12	15	17	46	37	70	66	136
Craigavon & Banbridge	5	6	41	38	59	52	105	96	201
Newry & Mourne	7	8	11	12	0	0	18	20	38
Foyle	18	18	34	55	0	0	52	73	125
Sperrin Lakeland	4	5	18	13	0	0	22	18	40
Northern Ireland	225	238	374	398	268	306	867	942	1,809

¹ Figures refer to the number of services provided in each category.

Source: LA11

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Key Points - Children's Homes

- There were 52 children's homes at 31 March 2005, 42 statutory homes, 9 voluntary homes and 1 private home (Table 4.1).
- Across all children's homes there were 392 places available at 31 March 2005 (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Residential Accommodation for Children by Type of Home ¹

Trust	Number of Premises				Places Available				Average Weekly Occupied Places Throughout Year			
	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	Total	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	Total	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	Total
North & West Belfast	5	1	0	6	34	35	0	69	24	32	0	56
South & East Belfast	3	1	0	4	24	6	0	30	20	5	0	25
Ulster Community & Hospitals	4	2	0	6	37	13	0	50	36	13	0	49
Down Lisburn	5	0	0	5	31	0	0	31	18	0	0	18
Causeway	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	8	7	0	0	7
Homefirst	6	3	0	9	52	19	0	71	47	17	0	64
Armagh & Dungannon	3	0	0	3	20	0	0	20	16	0	0	16
Craigavon & Banbridge	3	1	0	4	19	5	0	24	15	5	0	20
Newry & Mourne	1	1	0	2	6	4	0	10	6	0	0	6
Foyle	8	0	0	8	55	0	0	55	42	0	0	42
Sperrin Lakeland	3	0	1	4	18	0	6	24	17	0	0	17
Northern Ireland	42	9	1	52	304	82	6	392	248	71	0	319

¹ Figures for average occupied places exclude children accommodated for respite care.

Source: HM2 and HM5

Table 4.2: Children's Homes - Facilities within Homes by Trust

Trust	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 (24hrs or more)	Provision for Secure Accommodation	Facilities for Children on Remand or Police Bail	Other
North & West Belfast	2	4	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0
South & East Belfast	0	4	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
Ulster Community & Hospitals	1	4	2	1	1	0	3	1	1	3
Down Lisburn	0	2	0	3	1	2	4	0	0	1
Causeway	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Homefirst	4	6	5	2	0	3	7	0	1	0
Armagh & Dungannon	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	2	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	1
Newry & Mourne	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Foyle	2	7	5	2	3	3	3	0	0	1
Sperrin Lakeland	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	3
Northern Ireland	12	37	22	13	8	9	31	1	5	10

Source: HM4

Section 5: Children's Day Care Provision

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Key Points - Children's Day Care Provision

- At 31 March 2005 there were 245 day nurseries providing a total of 9,197 registered places (Table 5.1).
- There were 3,730 registered childminders at 31 March 2005 providing 18,065 places of which 56% were designated for children under 5 year olds (Table 5.2).
- Of the 13,770 places in 584 playgroups, 86% were community/local or private provision at 31 March 2005 (Table 5.3).
- There were 259 out of schools clubs at 31 March 2005, with 39% of the 6,288 places provided by voluntary agencies (Table 5.4).

Table 5.1: Day Nursery Services

Trust	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 2005
	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	
North & West Belfast	2	36	3	231	14	450	19	717	38
South & East Belfast	4	89	42	1,757	8	148	54	1,994	22
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	17	772	0	0	17	772	28
Down Lisburn	1	43	19	677	1	21	21	741	36
Causeway	1	48	9	389	0	0	10	437	14
Homefirst	0	0	55	2,047	2	33	57	2,080	72
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	8	322	0	0	8	322	50
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	119	13	630	2	52	17	801	82
Newry & Mourne	5	51	8	313	0	0	13	364	41
Foyle	7	200	9	301	0	0	16	501	2
Sperrin Lakeland	4	217	6	203	3	48	13	468	7
Northern Ireland	26	803	189	7,642	30	752	245	9,197	392

Source: DC1 and DC1a

Table 5.2: Day Care Services for Children Under 12: Childminders

Trust	Registered Childminders			Sponsored Childminders			Total No. of Children Placed and Paid for by the Trust in Day Nurseries	
	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 Years
North & West Belfast	223	1,024	539	25	150	75	0	1
South & East Belfast	420	2,280	1,775	26	60	45	71	38
Ulster Community & Hospitals	484	2,188	747	58	340	172	27	25
Down Lisburn	413	2,439	1,220	0	0	0	50	0
Causeway	282	1,692	846	17	102	51	3	11
Homefirst	949	4,485	2,807	50	106	88	53	5
Armagh & Dungannon	190	899	477	9	44	24	16	9
Craigavon & Banbridge	238	1,014	577	15	20	10	9	30
Newry & Mourne	48	130	0	1	1	0	0	0
Foyle	271	960	644	10	42	28	3	3
Sperrin Lakeland	212	954	542	0	0	0	2	1
Northern Ireland	3,730	18,065	10,174	211	865	493	234	123

Source: DC2 and DC2a

Table 5.3: Day Care Services for Children Under 12: Playgroups

Trust	Trust		Voluntary Agencies		Community / Local		Private Provision		Total		Total No. of Children Placed and Paid for by the Trust in Playgroups
	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	
North & West Belfast	1	12	2	40	40	1,212	0	0	43	1,264	6
South & East Belfast	0	0	1	6	40	910	16	370	57	1,286	9
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	0	0	43	1,069	10	214	53	1,283	12
Down Lisburn	0	0	2	26	57	1,200	6	144	65	1,370	35
Causeway	0	0	0	0	29	708	6	146	35	854	32
Homefirst	0	0	5	166	106	2,225	6	126	117	2,517	45
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	38	862	4	74	42	936	6
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	2	52	25	598	4	136	31	786	8
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	29	720	1	20	30	740	14
Foyle	3	82	0	0	51	1,341	1	24	55	1,447	10
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	6	131	46	1,065	4	91	56	1,287	1
Northern Ireland	4	94	18	421	504	11,910	58	1,345	584	13,770	178

Source: DC3 and DC3a

Table 5.4: Day Care Services for Children Under 12: Out of School Clubs

Trust	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
North & West Belfast	1	7	0	0	0	0	2	56	36	878	39	941
South & East Belfast	0	0	4	120	3	72	1	16	21	564	29	772
Ulster Community & Hospitals	9	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	198
Down Lisburn	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	504	20	520
Causeway	1	24	0	0	0	0	11	275	8	188	20	487
Homefirst	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	262	28	602	40	864
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	436	0	0	20	436
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	331	11	343	25	674
Newry & Mourne	1	48	0	0	0	0	7	185	1	32	9	265
Foyle	2	60	0	0	0	0	16	398	3	91	21	549
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	1	24	24	518	2	40	27	582
Northern Ireland	15	353	4	120	4	96	107	2,477	129	3,242	259	6,288

Source: DC4

Table 5.5: Day Care Services for Children Under 12: Holiday Schemes ¹

Trust	Trust		Education & Library Boards		District Councils		Voluntary Agencies		Partnership with Trust		Other Organisations		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
North & West Belfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	77	0	0	8	77
South & East Belfast	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	356	5	404
Ulster Community & Hosp	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65
Down Lisburn	4	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	163	12	211
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homefirst	1	26	0	0	0	0	2	90	0	0	1	24	4	140
Armagh & Dungannon	3	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	4	108
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	82	19	380	31	486
Newry & Mourne	1	58	0	0	0	0	9	274	0	0	0	0	10	332
Foyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland	12	353	0	0	0	0	11	364	19	159	33	947	75	1,823

¹ Information on the 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

Trust	Trust		Voluntary Agencies / Grant Aided		Other Organisations		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
North & West Belfast	466	557	782	910	0	0	1,248	1,467	0	27
South & East Belfast	64	87	65	81	0	0	129	168	65	81
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	70	84	0	0	70	84	70	84
Down Lisburn	145	109	29	45	0	0	174	154	20	50
Causeway	47	75	0	0	0	0	47	75	0	0
Homefirst	595	954	78	117	0	0	673	1,071	0	0
Armagh & Dungannon	68	166	0	0	13	22	81	188	0	0
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	194	286	11	12	205	298	0	0
Newry & Mourne	0	0	65	101	0	0	65	101	15	33
Foyle	34	190	77	110	0	0	111	300	12	20
Sperrin Lakeland	103	172	0	0	0	0	103	172	0	0
Northern Ireland	1,522	2,310	1,360	1,734	24	34	2,906	4,078	182	295

Source: DC6 and DC6a

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Key Points - Children in Hospital

- In 2004/05 there were 81 children admitted into hospital for periods of three months or more.
- Almost one third (32%) of children in hospital for periods of three months or more during 2004/05 were less than 5 years of age.

Table 6.1: Number of Children in Hospital for Periods of More Than 3 Months During Year ^{1, 2}

Trust	0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Altnagelvin	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	2	9
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	1	4
Belfast City	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon Area	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Down Lisburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	5	0	5
Green Park	0	0	1	1	6	6	0	0	7	7	14
Homefirst	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	3	11
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North & West Belfast	0	0	6	1	8	2	6	3	20	6	26
South & East Belfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UCHT	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	9
Northern Ireland	20	6	7	2	17	9	15	5	59	22	81

¹ Homefirst represents a joint return between Homefirst and United.

² Any Trusts / Hospitals not listed above did not submit a return.

Source: H1

Table 6.2: Number of Children in Hospital for Periods of More Than 3 Months During Year and Who Receive Social Services by Service Provided and Gender

Trust	Educational Tuition		Family Holiday		Day Care Services to Child / Other Family Members		Shared Care Using a Foster Home / Residential Unit		Respite Placement		Support From Voluntary Organisation		Other Services		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Altnagelvin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Armagh & Dungannon	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
Belfast City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
Down Lisburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	0	10
Green Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	7	2	9
Homefirst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	2	7
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North & West Belfast	18	5	0	0	17	5	2	0	7	1	5	0	33	7	82	18	100
South & East Belfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UCHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	2	7
Northern Ireland	22	6	0	0	22	5	2	1	7	1	8	0	54	13	115	26	141

¹ Homefirst represents a joint return between Homefirst and United.

² Any Trusts / Hospitals not listed above did not submit a return.

Source: H2

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HSS Trusts providing a Community Service in Northern Ireland

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

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. The cut-off point for amendments to tables was 30th September 2005 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 2004/2005). 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 Nichola Kane , CIB, DHSSPS, Annexe 2, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SQ (Tel 028 90522960).

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1 What do you use the Children Order Statistical Tables for? (Please tick all that apply)

Briefing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy Formulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2 Were the Children Order Statistical Tables of any value to you?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Children Looked After	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Day Care Provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4 What did you find most useful?

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No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7 How would you judge the level of detail contained in the Children Order Statistical Tables?

Too Much	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8 Would you like to see any improvements in the Children Order Statistical Tables?

No
Yes (please specify)

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9 How satisfied are you with these tables?

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Dissatisfied
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10 Any further comments on these tables?

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Voluntary Organisation
Other Department
Research / Academic
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b. Your specific area(s) of interest?

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