



Children Order Statistical Tables for Northern Ireland 2010/11

This bulletin presents children's social care activity data by Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland, both at and for the year ending 31 March 2011; areas covered include Child Protection, Children in Need, Looked After Children, and Day Care provision for children aged under 12. Figures are based on annual Children Order statistical returns provided by HSC Trusts to the DHSSPS. The companion bulletin to this one is, 'Children Order Statistical Trends for Northern Ireland 2005/06 to 2010/11'

Summary Key Points

Child Protection

1. At 31st March 2011, there were 2,401 children on child protection registers in Northern Ireland, an increase of 2% (44) from 2010 (2,357);
2. Of the 2,401 children on the register:
 - 50% were boys and 50% were girls;
 - 8% were aged under 1 year old, and 6% were aged 16 or older;
 - 47% were assessed to be at risk of neglect;
3. During 2010/11, there were 4,804 child protection referrals, 43% (2,073) from within social services;

Looked After Children (children in care)

4. At 31st March 2011, there were 2,511 looked after children in Northern Ireland, down by 4% (95) from 2010 (2,606);
5. Of the 2,511 looked after children:
 - 52% were boys and 48% were girls;
 - 21% were aged 0 – 4 years old, and 15% were aged 16 years or older;
 - 74% were foster care placements, 10% were family placements, 10% were residential care and 6% were in 'Other' placement types;
 - 25% had been in care for less than 1 year; with 10% in care for 10 years or longer;
6. During 2010/11, there were 829 admissions into care, 837 discharges from care, and 773 respite placements;

Children in Need

7. During 2010/11, there were 34,447 referrals to children's social services, relating to 26,725 children of which 26,380 had been assessed by 31 March 2011;
8. Compared to 2009/10 referrals increased by 9% (2,754) from 31,693 to 34,447, and children referred increased by 12% (2,799) during the same period;
9. By the year ending 31 March 2011, 80% of children referred to social services had been allocated for further action (service or assessment);

Theme

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The purpose of Community Information Branch is to promote effective decision making in children and adult social services by providing quality information and analysis. We collect, analyse and disseminate a wide range of community information that is used to help monitor the delivery of personal social services policy. Information collected by CIB is used to assess Trust performance, for corporate monitoring, policy evaluation, and to respond to parliamentary / assembly questions. Information is widely disseminated through a number of regular key statistical publications and ad hoc reports, details of which are available by clicking on the link below.

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Our Vision and Values

Community Information Branch aims to:

- provide up-to-date, quality information on children and adult social services and community health;
- disseminate findings widely with a view to stimulating debate, promoting effective decision-making and improvement in service provision; and
- be an expert voice on social care information.

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Technical Notes

Data Collection

The information presented in this bulletin derives from Children Order statistical returns and Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting returns provided by each of the five Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland to Community Information Branch in the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety.

Children Order and Corporate Parenting returns are aggregated statistical counts relating to Child Protection, Children in Need, Looked After Children and Day Care provision for children aged under 12. Figures are at and for the year ending 31 March 2011, and breakdowns are available by age, gender and other key variables, such as length of time in care and duration on the child protection register. Children Order and Corporate Parenting returns are described in detailed in Appendix 2.

The 'Children Order Statistical Tables' together with its companion publication the 'Children Order Statistical Trends' presents a comprehensive series of data on the Children Order (1995) in Northern Ireland.

Data Quality

To ensure Children Order and Corporate Parenting returns are accurate, HSC Trusts have six weeks to update the main administrative system, SOS CARE, with relevant information. When returns are received by Community Information Branch, checks are carried out to verify that information is consistent both within and across returns. Trend analyses are used to monitor annual variations and emerging trends. Queries arising from validation checks are presented to HSC Trusts for clarification and if required returns may be amended and/or re-submitted.

Figures for looked after children in foster care placements may exclude a small number of children mistakenly coded as 'placed with family' or 'Other'.

Children in Need figures; there is a difference between data for Tables 2.1 and 2.2; information for these tables is taken from Children Order returns N1 and N2, respectively. Table 2.1 gives a figure based on the date a child was referred to Social Services, while Table 2.2 gives a figure based on the date a child's needs have been assessed. The difference between these figures is due to the fact that a referred child may not have their needs assessed before 31 March of the given year. Counts of children in need for some Trusts exclude children whose details are not recorded on SOS CARE.

Planned changes to SOS CARE will facilitate the future accurate recording of placement types for looked after children.

A detailed quality report for children's community statistics is available on our website at: http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/quality_report_for_childrens_statistics-3.pdf

Statement of Administrative Sources

Children Order and Corporate Parenting returns are derived from SOS CARE, which is the main administrative system used to support HSC Trusts in delivering social care services to children. A detailed 'Statement of Administrative Sources' is available on our website at: http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/cib_statement_of_administrative_sources.pdf

Rounding Conventions

Percentages have been rounded to whole numbers and as a consequence some percentages may not sum to 100. 0% may reflect rounding down of values under 0.5%

Disclosure Conventions

To prevent disclosure of the identity of individual children it has been necessary to suppress figures whenever it would be possible to calculate the value of a cell with a low count by means of simple arithmetic. Our policy statement on disclosure and confidentiality is available on our website at:

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/cib_confidentiality_statement.pdf

Data Changes

Day Care returns were re-introduced in 2009/10, to support the work of the Office of Social Services within the DHSSPS in its oversight of HSC Trusts' compliance with legal obligations relating to the registration and inspection of day care facilities for children. The figures provided in this publication are based on data provided by the Health and Social Care Board in their 'Early Years Services' return.

The use of Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting returns in relation to Looked After Children has meant a change in the age ranges of presented data. Figures for Looked After Children in care at 31 March, now excludes children placed in care for temporary, short-term respite provision.

Revisions Policy

These data are revised by exception. If this occurs the circumstances of the revision are reported on our website and the dates figures are revised are noted both on the website and within the publication. The full revisions policy for these and other community statistics is published on our website at:

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/cib_revisions_policy.pdf

Main Uses of Data

Data from these publications meet the information needs of a wide range of internal and external users. Within DHSSPS figures from Children Order publications are used by policy officials to monitor the volume of activity, Inter Agency working and reasons for referrals and to compare characteristics of children in need, looked after children and children on the child protection register, monitor any increase in the children in need population and monitor the impact of policy and to report on achievement against targets.

Related Publications

Details of statistics on similar themes to those detailed within this bulletin and published by other countries in the United Kingdom are outlined below.

England

Children Looked After in England (including adoption and care leavers) year ending 31 March 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s001026/index.shtml>

Referrals, assessment and children and young people who are the subject of a child protection plan, England - Year ending 31 March 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d001025/index.shtml>

Children in Need in England, including their characteristics and further information on children who were the subject of a child protection plan 2010/11

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d001041/index.shtml>

Wales

Adoptions, Outcomes and Placements for Children Looked After by Local Authorities: Year Ending 31 March 2011 - Wales

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2011/110915/?lang=en>

Referrals, Assessments and Social Services for Children, 2010-11
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2011/1109073/?lang=en>

Scotland

Child Safety and Wellbeing - Children Looked After - Scotland
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/TrendLookedAfter>

Child Safety and Wellbeing - Child Protection – Scotland
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/TrendChildProtection>

A National Statistics Publication

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and easily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the code of practice shall continue to be observed.

User Engagement

If you have any comments on this publication, please complete our questionnaire at the following link:

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-cib-3/statistics_and_research-user_engagement.htm

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Next Release

The next release of these statistics, for the year ending 31 March 2012, is scheduled for 30 November 2012. The publication schedule for Health and Social Care statistics in Northern Ireland are available from the DHSSPS website at:

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-pubs.htm

Key Findings

Child Protection

- At 31st March 2011, 2,401 children were listed on child protection registers in Northern Ireland, an increase of 2% (44) from 2010 (2,357);
- Of the 2,401 children on the register at 31 March 2011:
 - 50% were boys and 50% were girls;
 - 8% were aged under 1 year old, and 6% were 16 years or older;
 - 47% of children were assessed to be at risk of neglect; and
 - 67% had been registered for less than one year, with 5% registered for 3 years or longer;
- From 2009/10 to 2010/11, numbers on the register in age bands '5-11' and '12-15' increased by 2% (14) and 4%(22) respectively; within these bands, numbers of girls increased by 4% and 8% respectively, compared with a decrease of 1% and an increase of less than 1% for boys;
- During 2010/11, there were 4,804 child protection referrals, of which 43% were from within social services;
- Referrals increased by 13% (534), from 4,270 in 2009/10 to 4,804 in 2010/11; of the 534 increase in referrals, 40% (212) were from within social services, and a further 18% (96) came from the PSNI;
- Of 3,840 child protection investigations in 2010/11, 21% (810) were Joint Protocol (Police and Social Services);
- During 2010/11, there were 2,123 registrations (children joining the register) and 2,067 de-registrations (children leaving the register) from the register;
- Registrations increased by 15% (277), from 1,846 in 2009/10 to 2,123 in 2010/11; for the same period de-registrations increased by 6% (120) from 1,947 to 2,067
- Child protection investigations increased by 13% (453) from 3,387 in 2009/10 to 3,840 in 2010/11, joint protocol investigations went up by 12% in the same period, from 723 to 810 respectively;
- Child protection initial case conferences increased by 16% (337) from 2,136 in 2009/10 to 2,473 in 2010/11, with a rise of 15% (278) in registrations following initial case conferences; 85% of initial case conferences in 2010/11 led to registration.

Children Looked After¹

- At 31st March 2011, 2,511 children were looked after in Northern Ireland, a decrease of 4% (95) from 2010 (2,606);
- Annual changes to the numbers of looked after children across HSC Trusts, ranged from a rise of 12% (60) in the Northern Trust, to a 21% (179) drop in the South Eastern Trust;
- Of the 2,511 looked after children in 2011:
 - 52% were boys and 48% were girls;
 - 21% were aged under 4 years old, and 15% were 16 years or older;
 - 74% were foster care placements, 10% family placements, 10% residential care, and 6% were 'Other' placement types;
 - 49% were subject to a Care Order (Article 50 or 59), and
 - 25% had been in care for less than 1 year; with 10% in care continuously for 10 years or longer
- Foster care placements rose 10% (175) from 1,687 in 2009/10 to 1,862 in 2010/11, compared with decreases of 47% (225) and 17% (48) in Family and Residential Care placements respectively ;

¹ Figures relating to looked after children at 31 March 2011, excludes temporary, short-term respite care placements. The new method of counting looked after children for 2011, helps to explain the drop of 21% in the looked after children count for the South Eastern Trust, when compared to 2010. The new method is now consistent with that used in England and Wales.

- During 2010/11 there were 829 admissions into care, 837 discharges from care, and 773 respite placements;
- Looked after children subject to Care Order (Article 50 or 59) rose by 6% (72) between 2009/10 and 2010/11, whilst children subject to Deemed Care Orders or subject to Interim Care Orders decreased by 50% (32) and 14% (54) respectively.

Children in Need

- During 2010/11, there were 34,447 referrals to children's social services; these related to 26,725 children of which 26,380 had been assessed by 31 March 2011;
- Compared to the previous year, referrals increased by 9% (2,754), from 31,693 in 2009/10 to 34,447 in 2010/11 respectively; for the same period, children referred increased by 12% (2,799) to 26,725 from 23,926;
- Annual changes to children referred ranged from an increase of 25% for the Belfast Trust to an increase of 2% for the South Eastern Trust;
- There were 8% (671), 12% (694) and 12% (328) increases in children in need in age bands 5-11, 12 - 15 and 16 & over, respectively;
- By year ending 31st March 2011, 80% of children in need had been allocated for further action (service or assessment);
- Children in need allocated for further action increased by 12% (2,312), compared with a rise of 18% (470) where no further action was deemed necessary;
- Children in need for whom no further action was possible due to unmet need increased by 15% (133) from 891 in 2009/10 to 1,024 in 2010/11.

Day Care Provision for children under 12 years of age

- At 31 March 2011, 314 day nurseries were registered with HSC Trusts in Northern Ireland, providing 13,650 places, with an average of 43 places per nursery;
- Of the 314 registered day nurseries almost a third (30% - 95) were in the Belfast Trust, with 12% (38) in the Western Trust;
- 3,826 child minders were registered with HSC Trusts at 31 March 2011, providing 19,133 places, an average of 5 places per child minder;
- Of 19,133 child minding places, 6,946 (36%) were within the Northern Trust, with 2,541 (13%) in the Belfast Trust;
- At 31 March 2011, 498 play groups providing 11,855 places were registered with HSC Trusts at 31 March 2011, averaging 24 places per play group;
- 24% (121) of play groups were registered in the Northern Trust, providing 24% (2,837) of available places;
- A total of 248 out of school clubs were registered with HSC Trusts at 31 March 2011, providing 5,957 places, an average of 24 places per club;
- Overall, 5,058 groups/individuals were registered with HSC Trusts as child care providers, providing 53,223 child care places for children under 12 years of age.

Section 1

Child Protection

Table 1.1: Children on the Child Protection Register by Age and Gender (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Age (years)										Total		
	Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	-	30	98	96	95	79	55	50	-	23	277	278	555
Northern HSC Trust	28	25	55	53	76	92	36	63	13	11	208	244	452
South Eastern HSC Trust	22	21	89	90	118	126	79	93	25	23	333	353	686
Southern HSC Trust	22	16	55	50	113	81	51	52	15	18	256	217	473
Western HSC Trust	-	12	31	27	47	45	26	24	-	11	116	119	235
Northern Ireland	100	104	328	316	449	423	247	282	66	86	1,190	1,211	2,401

Source: Children Order Return CPR1

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Table 1.2: Children on the Child Protection Register by Category of Abuse (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Category of Abuse								Total
	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	
Belfast HSC Trust	11	148	17	13	183	116	33	34	555
Northern HSC Trust	5	47	12	21	132	133	53	49	452
South Eastern HSC Trust	9	113	11	15	172	200	61	105	686
Southern HSC Trust	-	47	-	11	103	165	54	83	473
Western HSC Trust	-	36	-	13	64	61	26	24	235
Northern Ireland	28	391	58	73	654	675	227	295	2,401

Source: Children Order Return CPR2

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Table 1.3: Child Protection Referrals by Source of Referral (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Source of Referral											Total	
	Police	School / EWO ¹	Voluntary Org.	GP	Social Services	Comm. Nursing	Relative	Neighbour / Friend	Hospital	Self	Anon		Other
Belfast HSC Trust	42	32	11	10	406	-	10	0	18	-	19	75	631
Northern HSC Trust	19	20	0	9	438	-	5	-	7	8	15	40	565
South Eastern HSC Trust	320	137	21	43	528	51	130	33	60	29	94	267	1,713
Southern HSC Trust	172	180	22	45	506	24	88	5	53	24	50	225	1,394
Western HSC Trust	48	49	0	5	195	6	43	-	12	-	48	91	501
Northern Ireland	601	418	54	112	2,073	89	276	41	150	66	226	698	4,804

Source: Children Order Return CPR3

¹EWO - Education Welfare Officer

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Table 1.4: Child Protection Register by Legal Status (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Legal Status								Total
	Emergency Protection Order (Article 63 & 64)	Accommodated (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	
Belfast HSC Trust	0	46	34	-	0	0	-	465	555
Northern HSC Trust	0	37	25	-	0	-	0	385	452
South Eastern HSC Trust	0	24	10	-	0	0	-	649	686
Southern HSC Trust	0	28	6	-	0	-	0	429	473
Western HSC Trust	0	11	6	-	0	-	-	209	235
Northern Ireland	0	146	81	22	0	11	4	2,137	2,401

Source: Children Order Return CPR4

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Table 1.5: Children on the Child Protection Register by Duration on Register (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Duration						Total
	< 3 Months	3 Months < 6 Months	6 Months < 1 Year	1 Year < 2 Years	2 Years < 3 Years	3 + Years	
Belfast HSC Trust	85	92	147	115	60	56	555
Northern HSC Trust	129	75	120	96	25	7	452
South Eastern HSC Trust	153	115	203	161	37	17	686
Southern HSC Trust	111	87	151	89	24	11	473
Western HSC Trust	53	44	43	37	17	41	235
Northern Ireland	531	413	664	498	163	132	2,401

Source: Children Order Return CPR5

Table 1.6: Child Protection Investigations (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Child Protection Investigations			Total
	Joint Protocol	Social Work	Police	
Belfast HSC Trust	121	475	7	603
Northern HSC Trust	83	451	11	545
South Eastern HSC Trust	395	1,219	25	1,639
Southern HSC Trust	182	434	15	631
Western HSC Trust	29	387	6	422
Northern Ireland	810	2,966	64	3,840

Source: Children Order Return CPR6

Table 1.7: Child Protection Registrations by Age (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Belfast HSC Trust	39	47	61	58	73	53	-	-	-	-	210	201	411
Northern HSC Trust	43	31	48	46	59	84	41	62	11	11	202	234	436
South Eastern HSC Trust	46	42	75	82	101	98	73	85	12	14	307	321	628
Southern HSC Trust	37	29	58	46	101	81	47	43	7	15	250	214	464
Western HSC Trust	16	18	28	21	30	35	-	-	-	-	92	92	184
Northern Ireland	181	167	270	253	364	351	212	235	34	56	1,061	1,062	2,123

Source: Children Order Return CPR7

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Table 1.8: Child Protections Registrations by Category of Abuse (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Category of Abuse								Total
	Neglect, Physical Abuse & Sexual Abuse	Neglect & Physical Abuse	Neglect & Sexual Abuse	Physical & Sexual Abuse	Neglect Only	Physical Abuse Only	Sexual Abuse Only	Emotional Abuse Only	
Belfast HSC Trust	5	125	14	10	111	104	19	23	411
Northern HSC Trust	-	44	-	15	140	126	42	50	436
South Eastern HSC Trust	11	96	12	15	152	220	49	73	628
Southern HSC Trust	-	47	-	8	88	173	63	70	464
Western HSC Trust	-	30	-	11	44	59	20	11	184
Northern Ireland	22	346	62	61	522	690	194	225	2,123

Source: Children Order Return CPR8

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Table 1.9 Child Protection Re-Registrations (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Re-Registrations
Belfast HSC Trust	70
Northern HSC Trust	63
South Eastern HSC Trust	92
Southern HSC Trust	63
Western HSC Trust	37
Northern Ireland	325

Source: Children Order Return CPR9

Table 1.10: Child Protection De-Registrations by Duration on Register (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Duration on Register							Total
	< 3 Months	3 Months < 6 Months	6 Months < 1 Year	1 Year < 2 Years	2 Years < 3 Years	3 Years < 5 Years	5 + Years	
Belfast HSC Trust	28	50	96	132	68	40	26	440
Northern HSC Trust	14	64	142	93	36	-	-	356
South Eastern HSC Trust	39	71	233	204	60	41	6	654
Southern HSC Trust	30	62	164	139	34	-	-	445
Western HSC Trust	10	29	37	49	17	22	8	172
Northern Ireland	121	276	672	617	215	124	42	2,067

Source: Children Order Return CPR10

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Table 1.11: Child Protection Initial Case Conferences by Outcome (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Outcome of Initial Case Conference		Total
	Registered	Not Registered	
Belfast HSC Trust	406	28	434
Northern HSC Trust	434	118	552
South Eastern HSC Trust	625	85	710
Southern HSC Trust	452	69	521
Western HSC Trust	181	75	256
Northern Ireland	2,098	375	2,473

Source: Children Order Return CPR11

Section 2 Children in Need

Table 2.1: Referrals, Episodes and Children Referred (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Referrals	Episodes	Children Referred
Belfast HSC Trust	6,879	6,299	5,543
Northern HSC Trust	9,271	7,331	6,587
South Eastern HSC Trust	6,503	5,138	5,014
Southern HSC Trust	7,022	5,592	5,491
Western HSC Trust	4,772	4,049	4,090
Northern Ireland	34,447	28,409	26,725

Source: Children Order Return N1

Table 2.2: Children Referred by Gender and Age (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Age (years)								Total		
	0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	898	893	905	751	666	626	435	304	2,904	2,574	5,478
Northern HSC Trust	1,003	895	1,236	1,006	755	804	424	371	3,418	3,076	6,494
South Eastern HSC Trust	775	710	895	806	587	606	265	281	2,522	2,403	4,925
Southern HSC Trust	801	796	1,028	896	671	650	317	293	2,817	2,635	5,452
Western HSC Trust	586	576	766	702	492	512	161	236	2,005	2,026	4,031
Northern Ireland	4,063	3,870	4,830	4,161	3,171	3,198	1,602	1,485	13,666	12,714	26,380

Source: Children Order Return N2

Table 2.3: Children Referred by Current Status (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Status					Total
	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	
Belfast HSC Trust	6	340	0	5,085	47	5,478
Northern HSC Trust	33	1,294	887	3,844	436	6,494
South Eastern HSC Trust	-	1,091	-	3,660	107	4,925
Southern HSC Trust	42	260	133	4,610	407	5,452
Western HSC Trust	-	47	-	3,967	13	4,031
Northern Ireland	148	3,032	1,024	21,166	1,010	26,380

Source: Children Order Return N2

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Table 2.4: Children Referred with a Disability (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Disability								Total		
	Visual Disability		Hearing Disability		Physical Disability		Learning Disability		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Belfast HSC Trust	-	7	-	7	23	10	18	6	51	30	81
Northern HSC Trust	17	-	5	-	31	15	75	45	128	74	202
South Eastern HSC Trust	-	-	-	-	29	17	75	48	117	75	192
Southern HSC Trust	10	7	16	8	12	11	20	12	58	38	96
Western HSC Trust	18	13	16	9	51	33	53	37	138	92	230
Northern Ireland	54	44	51	31	146	86	241	148	492	309	801

Source: Children Order Return N3

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Data for children with a Mental Health problem has been excluded to avoid personal disclosure

Table 2.5: Episodes by Presenting Category and Gender (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Presenting Category						Total		
	Awaiting Assessment		Child Subject to Child Protection Investigation		Other				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	3,157	2,735	57	75	-	-	3,214	2,810	6,024
Northern HSC Trust	3,611	3,217	59	59	-	-	3,670	3,279	6,949
South Eastern HSC Trust	2,011	1,864	483	554	-	-	2,497	2,423	4,920
Southern HSC Trust	2,408	2,253	417	393	-	-	2,825	2,646	5,471
Western HSC Trust	1,837	1,897	125	119	-	-	1,962	2,016	3,978
Northern Ireland	13,024	11,966	1,141	1,200	3	8	14,168	13,174	27,342

Source: Children Order Return N4

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 2.6: Episodes by Presenting Category and Religion (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Religion														Total		
	Roman Catholic		Presbyterian		Church of Ireland		Methodist		Other		None		Refused / Unknown				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	283	293	86	72	50	36	0	0	335	284	80	41	2,440	1,946	3,274	2,672	5,946
Northern HSC Trust	189	167	95	121	60	52	12	8	245	207	131	99	2,938	2,625	3,670	3,279	6,949
South Eastern HSC Trust	332	288	-	-	48	51	-	-	90	95	144	138	1,780	1,759	2,497	2,423	4,920
Southern HSC Trust	523	543	-	-	68	56	-	-	22	21	96	66	2,102	1,941	2,825	2,646	5,471
Western HSC Trust	859	936	66	43	242	215	5	10	50	52	9	19	731	741	1,962	2,016	3,978
Northern Ireland	2,186	2,227	362	341	468	410	19	24	742	659	460	363	9,991	9,012	14,228	13,036	27,264

Source: Children Order Return N5a

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 2.7: Episodes by Presenting Category and Ethnic Group (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Ethnic Group														Total		
	White		Chinese		Traveller		Indian Sub-Continent		Black		Other		Refused / Unknown		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Belfast HSC Trust	1,092	939	10	15	-	-	-	-	11	11	81	75	1,818	1,813	3,274	2,672	5,946
Northern HSC Trust	976	952	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	22	28	2,665	2,295	3,670	3,279	6,949
South Eastern HSC Trust	835	794	-	-	9	10	-	-	-	9	24	20	1,626	1,586	2,497	2,423	4,920
Southern HSC Trust	1,524	1,351	-	0	34	51	-	0	0	0	108	84	1,156	1,160	2,825	2,646	5,471
Western HSC Trust	1,277	1,318	-	-	16	7	-	-	5	-	32	21	628	661	1,962	2,016	3,978
Northern Ireland	5,704	5,354	14	18	77	76	8	10	19	25	267	228	7,893	7,515	14,228	13,036	27,264

Source: Children Order Return N5b

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It was not possible to record the ethnicity of 56 childrens episodes within the Belfast Trust

Table 2.8: Episodes by Category After Initial Assessment (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Category after Initial Assessment								Total		
	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				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	117	137	-	16	2,736	2,341	-	9	2,879	2,503	5,382
Northern HSC Trust	51	58	44	16	1,234	1,214	9	5	1,338	1,293	2,631
South Eastern HSC Trust	492	566	53	38	870	807	11	15	1,426	1,426	2,852
Southern HSC Trust	467	448	55	34	1,417	1,378	10	13	1,949	1,873	3,822
Western HSC Trust	124	116	-	32	1,633	1,735	-	7	1,817	1,890	3,707
Northern Ireland	1,251	1,325	228	136	7,890	7,475	40	49	9,409	8,985	18,394

Source: Children Order Return N6

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 2.9: Episodes by Category After Initial Assessment and Religion (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Religion														Total		
	Roman Catholic		Presbyterian		Church of Ireland		Methodist		Other		None		Refused / Unknown				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	271	283	85	69	49	36	0	0	392	258	77	39	2,371	2,070	3,245	2,755	6,000
Northern HSC Trust	157	137	82	108	49	44	11	8	211	183	110	87	2,527	2,297	3,147	2,864	6,011
South Eastern HSC Trust	305	265	95	-	43	51	-	-	-	91	137	133	1,675	1,652	2,341	2,275	4,616
Southern HSC Trust	448	481	12	-	64	52	-	-	-	14	85	60	1,800	1,637	2,430	2,261	4,691
Western HSC Trust	802	885	65	43	239	208	-	9	-	52	9	17	659	681	1,827	1,895	3,722
Northern Ireland	1,983	2,051	339	314	444	391	17	23	757	598	418	336	9,032	8,337	12,990	12,050	25,040

Source: Children Order Return N7a

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 2.10: Episodes by Category After Initial Assessment, Ethnic Group and Gender (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Ethnic Group														Total		
	White		Chinese		Traveller		Indian Sub-Continent		Black		Other		Refused / Unknown				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	1,092	899	10	12	-	-	-	-	10	11	75	69	2,043	1,755	3,245	2,755	6,000
Northern HSC Trust	825	815	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	19	25	2,298	2,021	3,147	2,864	6,011
South Eastern HSC Trust	768	729	-	-	8	10	-	-	-	9	24	19	1,538	1,504	2,341	2,275	4,616
Southern HSC Trust	1,308	1,168	-	0	-	43	0	0	0	0	98	79	994	971	2,430	2,261	4,691
Western HSC Trust	1,208	1,254	-	-	14	7	-	-	5	-	31	21	565	604	1,827	1,895	3,722
Northern Ireland	5,201	4,865	14	15	67	68	6	9	17	25	247	213	7,438	6,855	12,990	12,050	25,040

Source: Children Order Return N7b

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Section 3 Children Looked After

Table 3.1: Children Looked After by Age and Gender (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Age (years)								Total		
	0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 +		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Belfast HSC Trust	77	43	102	76	88	88	80	68	347	275	622
Northern HSC Trust	66	61	96	85	92	88	52	39	306	273	579
South Eastern HSC Trust	52	45	79	73	103	98	15	38	249	254	503
Southern HSC Trust	61	54	65	51	58	57	32	29	216	191	407
Western HSC Trust	35	40	55	61	76	104	17	12	183	217	400
Northern Ireland	291	243	397	346	417	435	196	186	1,301	1,210	2,511

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns

Table 3.2: Children Looked After by Legal Status (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Legal Status										Total		
	Accommodated Article 21		Interim Care Order (Article 57)		Care Order (Article 50 or 59)		Deemed Care Order (Paras 11 & 12)		Other		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Belfast HSC Trust	117	103	41	34	185	127	-	-	-	-	347	275	622
Northern HSC Trust	108	92	32	39	162	133	-	-	-	-	306	273	579
South Eastern HSC Trust	103	110	33	34	103	105	-	-	-	-	249	254	503
Southern HSC Trust	49	49	56	42	109	97	-	-	-	-	216	191	407
Western HSC Trust	54	73	12	11	101	109	-	9	-	15	183	217	400
Northern Ireland	431	427	174	160	660	571	13	19	23	33	1,301	1,210	2,511

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns

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Table 3.3: Children Looked After by Placement Type (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Placement Type				Total
	Residential Care	Foster Care	Placed With Family	Other	
Belfast HSC Trust	71	462	68	21	622
Northern HSC Trust	48	426	70	35	579
South Eastern HSC Trust	53	363	42	45	503
Southern HSC Trust	28	320	30	29	407
Western HSC Trust	39	291	48	22	400
Northern Ireland	239	1,862	258	152	2,511

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns

Table 3.4: Children Looked After by Duration in Care and Gender (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Duration in Care												Total		
	< 3 Months		3 Months < 1 Year		1 Year < 3 Years		3 Years < 5 Years		5 Years < 10 Years		10 + Years				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	11	25	54	43	102	76	43	39	88	53	49	39	347	275	622
Northern HSC Trust	35	38	52	57	80	66	45	42	79	50	15	20	306	273	579
South Eastern HSC Trust	24	-	40	49	73	81	39	42	51	46	22	-	249	254	503
Southern HSC Trust	12	-	50	48	91	64	32	37	26	25	5	-	216	191	407
Western HSC Trust	11	15	17	22	49	65	29	18	44	58	33	39	183	217	400
Northern Ireland	93	110	213	219	395	352	188	178	288	232	124	119	1,301	1,210	2,511

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns
 “-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 3.5: Children Accommodated for Respite Care by Placement and Gender (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Placement								Total		
	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed with Family		Other ¹				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	-	0	5	6	-	-	0	-	8	8	16
Northern HSC Trust	-	-	93	83	-	6	-	-	100	90	190
South Eastern HSC Trust	60	48	76	73	-	-	-	-	137	125	262
Southern HSC Trust	-	7	84	75	8	-	-	-	102	87	189
Western HSC Trust	-	-	47	65	-	0	0	-	50	66	116
Northern Ireland	72	57	305	302	15	16	5	1	397	376	773

Source: Children Order Return LA5

¹Other 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.

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 3.6: Admissions by Legal Status and Gender (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Legal Status								Total		
	Emergency Protection Order (Article 63 & 64)		Accommodated Under Article 21		Interim Care Order (Article 57)		Other				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	-	-	92	110	12	14	-	-	110	128	238
Northern HSC Trust	0	-	79	83	-	-	-	5	93	99	192
South Eastern HSC Trust	-	-	41	52	21	14	-	-	66	68	134
Southern HSC Trust	-	-	71	67	11	12	-	-	92	89	181
Western HSC Trust	-	-	23	45	5	-	-	-	33	51	84
Northern Ireland	14	11	306	357	62	52	12	15	394	435	829

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns
 “-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 3.7: Admissions by Placement Type and Gender (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Placement Type								Total		
	Residential Care		Foster Care		Placed With Family		Other ¹				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	-	-	52	61	37	49	-	-	110	128	238
Northern HSC Trust	10	8	69	78	7	6	7	7	93	99	192
South Eastern HSC Trust	11	7	42	53	-	-	-	-	66	68	134
Southern HSC Trust	10	-	49	55	27	19	6	-	92	89	181
Western HSC Trust	-	-	24	43	-	-	0	-	33	51	84
Northern Ireland	56	49	236	290	79	80	23	16	394	435	829

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns

¹Other 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.

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Table 3.8: Discharges by Duration in Care and Gender (2010/11)

HSC Trust	Duration in Care												Total		
	< 3 Months		3 Months < 1 Year		1 Year < 3 Years		3 Years < 5 Years		5 Years < 10 Years		10 + Years				
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	40	55	18	22	24	25	7	7	9	13	11	10	109	132	241
Northern HSC Trust	-	7	12	10	13	19	8	11	14	12	-	11	63	70	133
South Eastern HSC Trust	24	26	21	24	18	23	16	9	6	6	6	8	91	96	187
Southern HSC Trust	18	16	66	60	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	82	173
Western HSC Trust	-	16	9	11	11	12	6	5	9	6	-	8	45	58	103
Northern Ireland	94	120	126	127	73	85	37	32	38	37	31	37	399	438	837

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 3.9: Discharges by Age (16+) 2010/11

HSC Trust	Age (years)						Total		
	16		17		18		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Belfast HSC Trust	-	-	-	-	28	30	37	41	78
Northern HSC Trust	-	7	-	9	19	28	27	44	71
South Eastern HSC Trust	-	-	-	-	21	25	30	32	62
Southern HSC Trust	0	8	6	7	19	10	25	25	50
Western HSC Trust	-	-	-	-	21	19	23	22	45
Northern Ireland	17	28	17	24	108	112	142	164	306

Source: Children Order Return LA9

“-” cell counts have been suppressed to avoid personal disclosure.

Table 3.10: Young Persons (16-21) that received Services by Service Type and Gender

HSC Trust	Service Type ^{1,2,3}				Total
	Access to Social Worker	Completed Needs Assessment	Completed Pathway Plan	Access to Personal Advisor	
Belfast HSC Trust	352	282	289	298	352
Northern HSC Trust	269	245	245	205	269
South Eastern HSC Trust	239	236	236	123	239
Southern HSC Trust	167	163	131	148	167
Western HSC Trust	234	195	195	202	237
Northern Ireland	1,261	1,121	1,096	976	1,264

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

² Young people aged 16-21 are not eligible for all these services

³ This is a new table for 2010/11 based on HSCB Corporate Parenting Returns replacing Children Order Return LA11

Source: HSCB Corporate Parenting Returns

Section 4

Day Care Provision for Children

Table 4.1: Day Care Provision for Children Under 12 years (31 March 2011)

HSC Trust	Day Nursery		Childminders		Playgroups		Out of School Clubs		Other Organisations ¹		Total	
	No. of Registered	No. of Places	No. of Registered	No. of Places	No. of Registered	No. of Places	No. of Registered	No. of Places	No. of Registered	No. of Places	No. of Registered	No. of Places
Belfast	95	3,616	533	2,541	82	1,927	79	2,025	60	949	849	11,058
Northern	72	3,695	1,224	6,946	121	2,837	60	1,499	29	503	1,506	15,480
South Eastern	53	2,184	913	4,565	103	2,319	34	698	13	221	1,116	9,987
Southern	56	2,668	570	2,595	99	2,555	33	736	26	320	784	8,874
Western	38	1,487	586	2,486	93	2,217	42	999	44	635	803	7,824
Northern Ireland	314	13,650	3,826	19,133	498	11,855	248	5,957	172	2,628	5,058	53,223

Source: Health and Social Care Board Corporate Parenting Returns: Early Years Services

¹ 'Other Organisations' includes creches, summer schemes and two year old programmes

Appendices

Appendix 1: HSC Trusts Providing in Northern Ireland

HSC Trust	Operational From
Belfast	1 April 2007
Northern	1 April 2007
South Eastern	1 April 2007
Southern	1 April 2007
Western	1 April 2007

Appendix 2: Data 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.

Children

Under the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, 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 are 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.

Pathway Plan

Refers to a document setting out the advice, assistance and support that the Trust intends to provide for a child. The Pathway Plan is to be kept in place, and under review, until the child reaches 21 years. Where, however, an aspect of the plan that relates to education or training is not scheduled to be completed by the time the child reaches 21 years the Trust is obligated to continue assisting the child until that aspect of the plan is completed.

Personal Advisers

Trusts must appoint personal advisers to two types of children. Those who are currently looked after and may soon be leaving care and those aged 16 or 17 years who have left care. The personal advisor continues to be appointed to the child until he or she reaches 21 years.

Readership Survey

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"/>
Service Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other (Please Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do Not Use	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Were the Children Order Statistical Tables of any value to you?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'No', please indicate why

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3 Please indicate how useful you found each section of the Children Order Statistical Tables: (Please tick one of the following)

	Very Useful	Useful	Little Use	No Use	Do Not Use
Children on Child Protection Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
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Appendices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 What did you find most useful?

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5 What did you find least useful?

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6 Would you like to see other subject areas covered in the Children Order Statistical Tables?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes (please specify)	<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"/>
About Right	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Enough	<input type="checkbox"/>

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?

Very Satisfied

Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Very Dissatisfied

If 'Dissatisfied' or 'Very Dissatisfied', please indicate why

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10 Any further comments on these tables?

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11 To help us analyse the responses to this survey, please indicate:

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Other (please specify)

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b. Your specific area(s) of interest:

e.g. finance, service planning, elderly, family & childcare, learning disability etc

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

Additional Information

Further information on Children Order Statistical Tables for Northern Ireland 2010/11 is available from:

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