

Children Order Statistical Tables

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Key Points - Children on the Child Protection Register

- There were 1,639 children on the child protection register at 31 March 2006, of which 9% were aged under one year old (Table 1.1).
- Over a third (36%) of children on the child protection register at 31 March 2006 were assessed to be at risk of neglect (only) (Table 1.2).
- At 31 March 2006, almost 6 in 10 (58%) children had been on the child protection register for less than one year (Table 1.5).
- There were 1,166 registrations, 179 re-registrations and 1,085 de-registrations relating to the child protection register during 2005/06 (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	15	15	47	35	56	43	33	25	3	8	154	126	280
South & East Belfast	8	8	33	28	40	41	24	27	9	12	114	116	230
Ulster Community & Hospitals	6	1	19	21	26	35	8	17	2	4	61	78	139
Down Lisburn	12	9	22	24	38	30	19	30	4	4	95	97	192
Causeway	4	4	7	4	14	15	8	12	4	1	37	36	73
Homefirst	11	17	26	22	44	29	10	9	4	0	95	77	172
Armagh & Dungannon	3	1	8	17	11	12	6	8	2	1	30	39	69
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	3	13	7	7	15	3	7	1	0	25	32	57
Newry & Mourne	7	2	11	11	21	15	6	4	0	5	45	37	82
Foyle	5	6	25	23	41	30	24	18	4	10	99	87	186
Sperrin Lakeland	2	5	23	8	30	30	25	21	8	7	88	71	159
Northern Ireland	74	71	234	200	328	295	166	178	41	52	843	796	1,639

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	18	7	6	145	41	36	27	280
South & East Belfast	0	20	4	4	78	57	24	43	230
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	8	0	3	46	29	24	29	139
Down Lisburn	6	17	8	7	62	42	26	24	192
Causeway	0	8	2	0	24	12	14	13	73
Homefirst	1	16	3	9	65	43	12	23	172
Armagh & Dungannon	0	8	3	0	16	6	10	26	69
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	6	0	0	18	12	9	10	57
Newry & Mourne	0	1	4	0	26	14	19	18	82
Foyle	3	16	3	6	68	32	30	28	186
Sperrin Lakeland	6	24	12	4	34	35	22	22	159
Northern Ireland	18	142	46	39	582	323	226	263	1,639

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	50	25	12	19	167	2	27	9	13	6	7	56	393
South & East Belfast	48	40	0	7	134	14	34	6	17	3	11	43	357
Ulster Community & Hospitals	43	15	3	0	33	3	3	8	12	0	1	13	134
Down Lisburn	49	41	3	12	140	26	34	4	13	4	35	38	399
Causeway	34	14	0	1	50	7	19	0	7	5	29	22	188
Homefirst	24	4	5	0	163	6	1	0	7	1	2	15	228
Armagh & Dungannon	60	30	0	11	71	11	18	2	8	3	34	33	281
Craigavon & Banbridge	24	10	6	4	82	23	23	0	7	6	8	32	225
Newry & Mourne	34	29	4	5	96	25	25	1	13	9	28	13	282
Foyle	17	2	2	0	44	8	5	1	3	3	4	24	113
Sperrin Lakeland	14	1	0	1	161	1	6	5	0	11	7	3	210
Northern Ireland	397	211	35	60	1,141	126	195	36	100	51	166	292	2,810

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	1	23	26	17	0	3	4	206	280
South & East Belfast	2	18	14	11	3	0	3	179	230
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	32	7	7	0	0	2	91	139
Down Lisburn	1	27	30	5	1	3	2	123	192
Causeway	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	63	73
Homefirst	0	14	11	0	1	0	1	145	172
Armagh & Dungannon	0	8	7	3	0	2	0	49	69
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	49	57
Newry & Mourne	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	69	82
Foyle	1	9	12	4	1	1	0	158	186
Sperrin Lakeland	0	10	6	1	0	0	1	141	159
Northern Ireland	5	164	119	50	6	9	13	1,273	1,639

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	25	53	63	76	21	42	280
South & East Belfast	23	51	63	43	25	25	230
Ulster Community & Hospitals	22	15	35	46	16	5	139
Down Lisburn	50	29	36	45	22	10	192
Causeway	20	15	12	18	7	1	73
Homefirst	27	42	57	31	11	4	172
Armagh & Dungannon	9	12	22	17	6	3	69
Craigavon & Banbridge	14	21	15	7	0	0	57
Newry & Mourne	19	17	19	20	3	4	82
Foyle	18	13	31	81	20	23	186
Sperrin Lakeland	35	33	33	14	18	26	159
Northern Ireland	262	301	386	398	149	143	1,639

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	56	281	3	340
South & East Belfast	20	211	3	234
Ulster Community & Hospitals	36	104	1	141
Down Lisburn	38	285	5	328
Causeway	13	153	2	168
Homefirst	31	200	0	231
Armagh & Dungannon	20	165	2	187
Craigavon & Banbridge	27	52	6	85
Newry & Mourne	15	104	2	121
Foyle	10	87	1	98
Sperrin Lakeland	27	169	0	196
Northern Ireland	293	1,811	25	2,129

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	17	20	27	20	23	16	10	14	1	1	78	71	149
South & East Belfast	15	11	15	21	27	24	20	14	3	5	80	75	155
Ulster Community & Hospitals	9	5	10	14	17	18	5	15	1	2	42	54	96
Down Lisburn	13	10	15	10	19	19	12	21	2	2	61	62	123
Causeway	7	6	4	7	20	10	9	7	2	0	42	30	72
Homefirst	18	22	27	16	33	25	12	11	1	2	91	76	167
Armagh & Dungannon	5	5	7	13	14	10	7	8	0	0	33	36	69
Craigavon & Banbridge	5	4	12	9	6	18	4	3	0	0	27	34	61
Newry & Mourne	8	5	8	7	16	18	4	5	0	3	36	38	74
Foyle	5	9	9	7	13	8	11	8	0	1	38	33	71
Sperrin Lakeland	4	6	17	12	24	21	21	16	5	3	71	58	129
Northern Ireland	106	103	151	136	212	187	115	122	15	19	599	567	1,166

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	5	0	3	72	24	27	18	149
South & East Belfast	0	19	3	2	51	38	18	24	155
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	4	0	3	26	33	17	13	96
Down Lisburn	6	12	5	5	46	21	15	13	123
Causeway	0	5	1	0	31	11	8	16	72
Homefirst	2	20	3	11	65	49	3	14	167
Armagh & Dungannon	0	9	3	1	19	10	7	20	69
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	6	0	0	22	15	9	7	61
Newry & Mourne	0	5	4	0	12	19	19	15	74
Foyle	1	15	3	2	20	16	8	6	71
Sperrin Lakeland	5	18	5	4	27	41	10	19	129
Northern Ireland	16	118	27	31	391	277	141	165	1,166

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	15
South & East Belfast	34
Ulster Community & Hospitals	28
Down Lisburn	19
Causeway	12
Homefirst	17
Armagh & Dungannon	13
Craigavon & Banbridge	6
Newry & Mourne	0
Foyle	7
Sperrin Lakeland	28
Northern Ireland	179

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	34	50	23	4	2	1	123
South & East Belfast	4	14	24	29	11	20	6	0	108
Ulster Community & Hospitals	8	21	20	46	24	7	2	0	128
Down Lisburn	0	6	26	52	10	12	2	0	108
Causeway	2	14	34	31	1	1	0	0	83
Homefirst	8	42	60	59	7	9	0	0	185
Armagh & Dungannon	6	14	20	30	2	0	0	0	72
Craigavon & Banbridge	6	4	21	21	1	0	0	0	53
Newry & Mourne	3	12	14	20	0	6	1	0	56
Foyle	1	4	14	38	10	18	0	0	85
Sperrin Lakeland	6	12	33	18	8	2	5	0	84
Northern Ireland	46	150	300	394	97	79	18	1	1,085

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	146	30	176
South & East Belfast	146	36	182
Ulster Community & Hospitals	96	2	98
Down Lisburn	123	21	144
Causeway	71	10	81
Homefirst	160	51	211
Armagh & Dungannon	67	20	87
Craigavon & Banbridge	55	12	67
Newry & Mourne	75	1	76
Foyle	71	15	86
Sperrin Lakeland	127	38	165
Northern Ireland	1,137	236	1,373

Source: CPR11

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Key Points - Children in Need

- There were 29,158 referrals to Social Services, 18,327 episodes of involvement of children with Social Services and 19,391 children referred to Social Services during 2005/06 (Table 2.1).
- 27% of children referred to Social Services during the year 2005/06 were under 5 years old (Table 2.2).
- During 2005/06, 64% 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	3,320	2,718	2,574
South & East Belfast	5,308	1,593	1,930
Ulster Community & Hospitals	1,647	1,322	1,344
Down Lisburn	2,907	1,887	1,850
Causeway	1,797	1,079	1,231
Homefirst	4,343	3,235	3,164
Armagh & Dungannon	1,986	1,057	1,282
Craigavon & Banbridge	2,498	1,686	1,831
Newry & Mourne	1,274	1,077	1,085
Foyle	1,794	1,415	1,557
Sperrin Lakeland	2,284	1,258	1,543
Northern Ireland	29,158	18,327	19,391

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	440	383	415	309	368	322	161	164	1,384	1,178	2,562
South & East Belfast	260	256	348	329	268	237	108	124	984	946	1,930
Ulster Community & Hospitals	185	175	272	239	189	154	64	62	710	630	1,340
Down Lisburn	260	242	359	302	226	241	111	99	956	884	1,840
Causeway	175	140	229	185	152	156	105	79	661	560	1,221
Homefirst	461	378	593	424	438	406	212	241	1,704	1,449	3,153
Armagh & Dungannon	166	195	239	221	149	184	59	62	613	662	1,275
Craigavon & Banbridge	247	250	329	330	259	251	64	101	899	932	1,831
Newry & Mourne	137	127	212	188	134	137	70	65	553	517	1,070
Foyle	214	212	351	302	179	186	38	54	782	754	1,536
Sperrin Lakeland	212	191	292	288	203	202	76	79	783	760	1,543
Northern Ireland	2,757	2,549	3,639	3,117	2,565	2,476	1,068	1,130	10,029	9,272	19,301

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	6	2	722	639	3	2	554	472	99	63	1,384	1,178	2,562
South & East Belfast	2	0	239	253	4	3	638	603	101	87	984	946	1,930
Ulster Community & Hospitals	5	3	111	65	0	0	539	503	55	59	710	630	1,340
Down Lisburn	8	7	333	324	2	4	552	502	61	47	956	884	1,840
Causeway	3	4	292	219	1	2	237	217	128	118	661	560	1,221
Homefirst	11	14	460	327	2	0	1,139	1,034	92	74	1,704	1,449	3,153
Armagh & Dungannon	11	7	204	246	1	0	267	289	130	120	613	662	1,275
Craigavon & Banbridge	15	8	160	176	10	7	596	638	118	103	899	932	1,831
Newry & Mourne	13	11	166	172	27	17	275	245	72	72	553	517	1,070
Foyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	779	752	3	2	782	754	1,536
Sperrin Lakeland	3	2	24	20	0	0	747	731	9	7	783	760	1,543
Northern Ireland	77	58	2,711	2,441	50	35	6,323	5,986	868	752	10,029	9,272	19,301

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	9	6	15	9	33	27	25	9	0	0	82	51	133
South & East Belfast	0	0	1	1	12	3	9	4	3	0	25	8	33
Ulster Community & Hospitals	2	2	15	7	16	9	34	18	0	2	67	38	105
Down Lisburn	1	8	4	5	11	10	17	10	0	0	33	33	66
Causeway	1	1	0	1	1	2	5	12	0	0	7	16	23
Homefirst	10	22	12	20	51	42	121	73	0	0	194	157	351
Armagh & Dungannon	1	2	2	2	15	5	10	5	1	0	29	14	43
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	3	4	5	9	9	45	20	41	24	103	61	164
Newry & Mourne	6	9	6	6	3	4	2	4	0	0	17	23	40
Foyle	12	8	10	2	69	29	25	15	0	0	116	54	170
Sperrin Lakeland	6	9	7	6	30	24	63	38	0	0	106	77	183
Northern Ireland	52	70	76	64	250	164	356	208	45	26	779	532	1,311

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	1,255	1,137	148	145	0	0	1,403	1,282	2,685
South & East Belfast	658	647	110	122	0	0	768	769	1,537
Ulster Community & Hospitals	604	560	34	32	0	0	638	592	1,230
Down Lisburn	824	759	116	119	0	0	940	878	1,818
Causeway	487	379	39	54	0	0	526	433	959
Homefirst	1,633	1,403	36	41	1	0	1,670	1,444	3,114
Armagh & Dungannon	385	413	65	89	0	0	450	502	952
Craigavon & Banbridge	744	744	63	61	7	7	814	812	1,626
Newry & Mourne	425	370	139	143	0	0	564	513	1,077
Foyle	671	660	16	30	0	0	687	690	1,377
Sperrin Lakeland	585	595	7	20	0	0	592	615	1,207
Northern Ireland	8,271	7,667	773	856	8	7	9,052	8,530	17,582

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	132	144	38	32	20	12	1	0	6	2	7	6	1,199	1,086	1,403	1,282	2,685
South & East Belfast	30	35	47	33	34	38	1	0	439	440	6	8	211	215	768	769	1,537
Ulster Community & Hospitals	7	6	8	6	6	17	0	0	16	15	51	44	550	504	638	592	1,230
Down Lisburn	108	108	6	9	5	10	0	0	21	4	10	7	790	740	940	878	1,818
Causeway	1	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	4	2	51	47	469	376	526	433	959
Homefirst	37	29	11	27	5	5	4	1	405	313	4	3	1,204	1,066	1,670	1,444	3,114
Armagh & Dungannon	165	190	13	24	24	37	7	5	13	15	0	0	228	231	450	502	952
Craigavon & Banbridge	33	70	0	0	3	4	0	0	18	18	15	10	745	710	814	812	1,626
Newry & Mourne	36	44	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	7	36	28	485	433	564	513	1,077
Foyle	363	379	18	19	28	28	0	0	14	11	6	5	258	248	687	690	1,377
Sperrin Lakeland	181	208	15	22	77	60	3	10	5	11	4	3	307	301	592	615	1,207
Northern Ireland	1,093	1,216	157	176	203	213	16	16	947	838	190	161	6,446	5,910	9,052	8,530	17,582

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	407	397	0	0	3	1	8	2	1	4	0	0	984	878	1,403	1,282	2,685
South & East Belfast	615	614	2	7	0	0	1	0	4	4	5	5	141	139	768	769	1,537
Ulster Community & Hospitals	374	377	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	4	255	210	638	592	1,230
Down Lisburn	145	166	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	788	708	940	878	1,818
Causeway	23	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	501	419	526	433	959
Homefirst	552	455	1	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	1	3	1,109	981	1,670	1,444	3,114
Armagh & Dungannon	273	316	1	3	5	9	0	3	0	0	7	7	164	164	450	502	952
Craigavon & Banbridge	420	444	0	2	4	6	1	1	0	0	21	25	368	334	814	812	1,626
Newry & Mourne	42	44	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	8	7	510	455	564	513	1,077
Foyle	459	467	0	0	8	16	0	1	2	1	1	2	217	203	687	690	1,377
Sperrin Lakeland	446	473	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	4	3	137	136	592	615	1,207
Northern Ireland	3,756	3,765	8	13	27	41	22	13	9	11	56	60	5,174	4,627	9,052	8,530	17,582

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	169	156	22	26	169	168	12	7	372	357	729
South & East Belfast	108	121	0	1	215	209	26	36	349	367	716
Ulster Community & Hospitals	40	36	30	16	394	408	3	6	467	466	933
Down Lisburn	115	122	16	15	177	158	13	19	321	314	635
Causeway	39	52	1	3	43	27	16	7	99	89	188
Homefirst	39	43	43	35	605	566	64	57	751	701	1,452
Armagh & Dungannon	61	91	16	11	73	85	4	0	154	187	341
Craigavon & Banbridge	69	62	12	9	293	283	19	35	393	389	782
Newry & Mourne	107	115	33	22	81	69	18	6	239	212	451
Foyle	17	28	61	25	572	595	1	1	651	649	1,300
Sperrin Lakeland	15	24	38	26	444	491	8	11	505	552	1,057
Northern Ireland	779	850	272	189	3,066	3,059	184	185	4,301	4,283	8,584

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	102	128	35	26	18	10	1	0	5	2	6	6	1,031	955	1,198	1,127	2,325
South & East Belfast	22	25	30	22	31	28	1	0	369	402	4	4	152	142	609	623	1,232
Ulster Community & Hospitals	5	6	5	3	6	14	0	0	10	12	43	29	441	409	510	473	983
Down Lisburn	102	97	6	8	4	9	0	0	21	4	7	6	714	684	854	808	1,662
Causeway	1	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	1	42	36	349	245	395	289	684
Homefirst	32	26	11	27	4	4	4	1	377	291	3	3	1,033	914	1,464	1,266	2,730
Armagh & Dungannon	115	132	8	19	17	29	7	5	12	14	0	0	151	156	310	355	665
Craigavon & Banbridge	14	51	0	0	3	1	0	0	16	18	11	8	615	593	659	671	1,330
Newry & Mourne	32	31	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	34	27	400	352	472	416	888
Foyle	342	358	15	13	28	28	0	0	14	11	6	5	246	235	651	650	1,301
Sperrin Lakeland	176	204	15	22	74	59	3	10	5	11	2	2	294	287	569	595	1,164
Northern Ireland	943	1,061	126	143	186	184	16	16	836	771	158	126	5,426	4,972	7,691	7,273	14,964

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	364	361	0	0	0	0	7	2	1	4	0	0	826	760	1,198	1,127	2,325
South & East Belfast	502	525	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	5	4	98	91	609	623	1,232
Ulster Community & Hospitals	322	327	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	181	144	510	473	983
Down Lisburn	135	151	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	713	654	854	808	1,662
Causeway	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	381	279	395	289	684
Homefirst	511	420	1	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	1	3	944	838	1,464	1,266	2,730
Armagh & Dungannon	181	223	1	3	4	6	0	3	0	0	5	3	119	117	310	355	665
Craigavon & Banbridge	322	346	0	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	12	16	320	301	659	671	1,330
Newry & Mourne	39	34	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	7	5	422	371	472	416	888
Foyle	440	444	0	0	8	16	0	1	2	1	1	2	200	186	651	650	1,301
Sperrin Lakeland	430	460	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	4	3	130	129	569	595	1,164
Northern Ireland	3,260	3,300	6	8	23	36	20	12	7	8	41	39	4,334	3,870	7,691	7,273	14,964

Source: N7b

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Key Points - Children Looked After

- There were 2,436 children looked after at 31 March 2006, half (50%) of whom were aged 11 years or under (Table 3.1).
- During 2005/06, 55% of looked after children were subject to Care Orders or Deemed Care Orders (Table 3.2).
- Of all looked after children at 31 March 2006, 63% were placed in foster care, 20% were placed with family, and 13% were in residential care (Table 3.3).
- Over half (53%) of children looked after at 31 March 2006 had been looked after for more than three years (Table 3.4).
- There were 785 children accommodated for respite care in 2005/06 (Table 3.5).
- In 2005/06 there were 814 admissions and 832 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	4	27	21	68	49	51	48	36	44	186	166	352
South & East Belfast	5	4	21	18	42	37	50	33	29	24	147	116	263
Ulster Community & Hospitals	2	0	10	11	44	37	54	37	15	37	125	122	247
Down Lisburn	6	1	18	21	46	41	45	43	27	19	142	125	267
Causeway	2	3	8	6	31	31	26	25	18	11	85	76	161
Homefirst	11	5	25	25	59	52	57	53	30	23	182	158	340
Armagh & Dungannon	1	2	11	19	29	23	17	20	20	15	78	79	157
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	1	20	8	27	22	22	9	5	8	78	48	126
Newry & Mourne	0	0	6	9	16	11	17	14	12	11	51	45	96
Foyle	2	3	17	17	48	66	46	48	28	15	141	149	290
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	9	7	23	28	27	21	11	11	70	67	137
Northern Ireland	37	23	172	162	433	397	412	351	231	218	1,285	1,151	2,436

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	44	38	22	15	90	87	27	25	3	1	186	166	352
South & East Belfast	39	36	13	8	74	45	18	23	3	4	147	116	263
Ulster Community & Hospitals	65	68	10	9	44	45	5	0	1	0	125	122	247
Down Lisburn	57	52	24	19	37	43	19	9	5	2	142	125	267
Causeway	35	34	11	6	32	23	5	12	2	1	85	76	161
Homefirst	42	27	19	17	94	86	26	28	1	0	182	158	340
Armagh & Dungannon	35	19	6	19	34	39	3	2	0	0	78	79	157
Craigavon & Banbridge	15	9	21	10	39	26	2	2	1	1	78	48	126
Newry & Mourne	26	23	9	11	12	6	3	5	1	0	51	45	96
Foyle	26	27	17	15	68	82	28	24	2	1	141	149	290
Sperrin Lakeland	26	17	9	12	29	31	6	6	0	1	70	67	137
Northern Ireland	410	350	161	141	553	513	142	136	19	11	1,285	1,151	2,436

Source: LA1

Table 3.3: Children Looked After by Placement ¹

Trust	Residential Care	Foster Care	Placed With Family	Other ²	Total
North & West Belfast	50	228	58	16	352
South & East Belfast	29	190	38	6	263
Ulster Community & Hospitals	32	120	84	11	247
Down Lisburn	22	163	63	19	267
Causeway	19	98	40	4	161
Homefirst	46	219	55	20	340
Armagh & Dungannon	41	59	49	8	157
Craigavon & Banbridge	16	91	14	5	126
Newry & Mourne	9	55	27	5	96
Foyle	35	217	30	8	290
Sperrin Lakeland	22	82	28	5	137
Northern Ireland	321	1,522	486	107	2,436

¹ At least one Trust inappropriately classified some children placed in foster care as placed with family in the LA2 return provided to Community Information Branch. Care needs to be exercised when using these figures.

² 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	12	10	29	24	42	30	31	33	44	45	28	24	186	166	352
South & East Belfast	6	4	14	16	39	33	29	13	38	26	21	24	147	116	263
Ulster Community & Hospitals	6	3	15	17	36	43	23	19	29	27	16	13	125	122	247
Down Lisburn	16	14	20	21	47	45	22	19	18	17	19	9	142	125	267
Causeway	5	5	7	11	35	21	21	20	10	5	7	14	85	76	161
Homefirst	10	6	22	18	45	33	38	31	41	44	26	26	182	158	340
Armagh & Dungannon	1	1	7	9	39	32	24	24	7	10	0	3	78	79	157
Craigavon & Banbridge	5	4	11	5	34	20	16	9	10	6	2	4	78	48	126
Newry & Mourne	2	2	5	10	19	14	14	10	8	4	3	5	51	45	96
Foyle	1	2	14	6	29	35	22	27	45	54	30	25	141	149	290
Sperrin Lakeland	3	8	12	7	24	22	11	13	15	12	5	5	70	67	137
Northern Ireland	67	59	156	144	389	328	251	218	265	250	157	152	1,285	1,151	2,436

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	36	39	6	8	1	0	45	48	93
South & East Belfast	0	0	38	34	0	0	0	0	38	34	72
Ulster Community & Hospitals	33	25	25	22	2	2	0	0	60	49	109
Down Lisburn	6	3	38	19	2	8	1	2	47	32	79
Causeway	0	0	34	29	2	2	0	0	36	31	67
Homefirst	1	0	52	45	2	0	0	0	55	45	100
Armagh & Dungannon	1	0	34	33	6	4	1	0	42	37	79
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	1	12	9	2	2	25	8	41	20	61
Newry & Mourne	0	0	15	14	1	0	0	0	16	14	30
Foyle	0	0	31	34	4	2	0	0	35	36	71
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	9	11	0	0	4	0	13	11	24
Northern Ireland	45	30	324	289	27	28	32	10	428	357	785

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	3	4	37	33	5	3	2	0	2	1	49	41	90
South & East Belfast	0	2	58	93	2	1	1	1	0	2	61	99	160
Ulster Community & Hospitals	1	0	23	26	2	4	0	0	1	0	27	30	57
Down Lisburn	3	8	29	38	9	4	0	0	8	1	49	51	100
Causeway	3	1	12	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	31	47
Homefirst	1	3	62	39	6	3	1	0	0	2	70	47	117
Armagh & Dungannon	0	3	20	19	0	3	1	0	1	1	22	26	48
Craigavon & Banbridge	3	0	20	15	0	2	0	0	0	2	23	19	42
Newry & Mourne	1	1	7	10	1	2	0	0	1	1	10	14	24
Foyle	2	1	14	5	3	3	0	1	0	1	19	11	30
Sperrin Lakeland	2	0	47	45	0	5	0	0	0	0	49	50	99
Northern Ireland	19	23	329	353	29	30	5	2	13	11	395	419	814

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	12	9	16	16	19	14	2	2	49	41	90
South & East Belfast	2	1	54	93	3	4	2	1	61	99	160
Ulster Community & Hospitals	13	7	4	8	7	13	3	2	27	30	57
Down Lisburn	7	13	12	14	25	15	5	9	49	51	100
Causeway	0	3	13	28	2	0	1	0	16	31	47
Homefirst	9	6	49	36	8	4	4	1	70	47	117
Armagh & Dungannon	4	3	14	18	2	7	0	0	20	28	48
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	6	11	11	1	0	7	2	23	19	42
Newry & Mourne	0	3	8	7	2	4	0	0	10	14	24
Foyle	5	5	9	5	5	1	0	0	19	11	30
Sperrin Lakeland	6	2	40	44	2	2	1	2	49	50	99
Northern Ireland	62	58	230	280	76	64	25	19	393	421	814

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	3	7	11	5	15	8	2	4	1	3	5	5	37	32	69
South & East Belfast	38	79	8	7	13	6	5	5	6	8	6	1	76	106	182
Ulster Community & Hospitals	3	5	6	6	4	4	8	2	3	3	4	5	28	25	53
Down Lisburn	9	13	18	10	11	8	6	0	4	1	1	2	49	34	83
Causeway	4	11	2	6	6	5	1	3	2	0	2	3	17	28	45
Homefirst	34	22	7	5	9	12	7	6	4	5	8	5	69	55	124
Armagh & Dungannon	9	11	4	6	5	6	4	3	2	4	1	1	25	31	56
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	2	3	6	5	8	4	1	3	2	1	0	17	19	36
Newry & Mourne	6	3	5	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	17	14	31
Foyle	3	2	3	4	5	8	5	8	10	3	4	11	30	36	66
Sperrin Lakeland	32	35	4	1	2	3	2	3	1	0	1	3	42	45	87
Northern Ireland	142	190	71	61	78	71	47	36	36	29	33	38	407	425	832

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	2	2	1	8	5	14	8	22
South & East Belfast	1	3	3	3	7	33	11	39	50
Ulster Community & Hospitals	1	3	3	2	8	10	12	15	27
Down Lisburn	6	9	3	1	9	6	18	16	34
Causeway	2	1	1	1	6	6	9	8	17
Homefirst	4	4	3	5	14	14	21	23	44
Armagh & Dungannon	4	1	1	0	2	4	7	5	12
Craigavon & Banbridge	3	4	2	2	4	5	9	11	20
Newry & Mourne	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	3
Foyle	0	1	0	2	13	19	13	22	35
Sperrin Lakeland	3	12	0	0	4	5	7	17	24
Northern Ireland	29	40	18	17	75	109	122	166	288

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	0	0	2	0	2	2
South & East Belfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	1	3	2	4	3	7	10
Down Lisburn	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Causeway	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Homefirst	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	6
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Foyle	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland	1	0	2	6	6	10	9	16	25

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	59	61	80	81	148	157	287	299	586
South & East Belfast	31	33	37	37	0	0	68	70	138
Ulster Community & Hospitals	13	34	25	51	0	0	38	85	123
Down Lisburn	27	18	45	35	0	0	72	53	125
Causeway	19	18	26	21	0	0	45	39	84
Homefirst	36	33	50	47	0	0	86	80	166
Armagh & Dungannon	8	5	27	20	0	0	35	25	60
Craigavon & Banbridge	4	3	42	33	20	11	66	47	113
Newry & Mourne	7	6	13	14	0	0	20	20	40
Foyle	22	19	43	38	0	0	65	57	122
Sperrin Lakeland	6	5	16	17	0	0	22	22	44
Northern Ireland	232	235	404	394	168	168	804	797	1,601

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 60 children's homes at 30 September 2006, 52 statutory homes and 8 independent homes (Table 4.1).
- Across all children's homes there were 425 places available at 30 September 2006 (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Residential Accommodation for Children by Type of Home

Trust	Number of Premises			Number of Places		
	Statutory	Independent	Total	Statutory	Independent	Total
North & West Belfast	10	0	10	83	0	83
South & East Belfast	4	0	4	30	0	30
Ulster Community & Hospitals	6	2	8	56	13	69
Down Lisburn	5	0	5	35	0	35
Causeway	1	0	1	8	0	8
Homefirst	6	3	9	52	17	69
Armagh & Dungannon	3	0	3	20	0	20
Craigavon & Banbridge	3	2	5	19	6	25
Newry & Mourne	1	1	2	6	4	10
Foyle	9	0	9	59	0	59
Sperrin Lakeland	4	0	4	17	0	17
Northern Ireland	52	8	60	385	40	425

Source: Health & Personal Social Services Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority

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Key Points - Children's Day Care Provision

- At 31 March 2006 there were 266 day nurseries providing a total of 10,184 registered places (Table 5.1).
- There were 3,627 registered childminders at 31 March 2006 providing 17,100 places of which 55% were designated for children under 5 years (Table 5.2).
- Of the 12,936 places in 560 playgroups, 96% were community/local or private provision at 31 March 2006 (Table 5.3).
- There were 259 out of schools clubs at 31 March 2006, with 31% of the 6,276 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 2006
	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	1	20	5	226	14	419	20	665	43
South & East Belfast	4	89	43	1,802	8	148	55	2,039	23
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	18	796	0	0	18	796	33
Down Lisburn	1	40	22	715	1	21	24	776	36
Causeway	4	163	5	271	1	30	10	464	16
Homefirst	0	0	62	2,277	2	33	64	2,310	75
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	9	371	0	0	9	371	24
Craigavon & Banbridge	3	191	15	876	6	328	24	1,395	76
Newry & Mourne	5	51	8	321	0	0	13	372	42
Foyle	7	207	8	299	0	0	15	506	2
Sperrin Lakeland	4	217	7	225	3	48	14	490	0
Northern Ireland	29	978	202	8,179	35	1,027	266	10,184	370

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 by Childminders	
	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	188	886	400	4	24	3	6	0
South & East Belfast	311	1,555	1,143	27	50	35	82	43
Ulster Community & Hospitals	484	2,215	719	58	340	172	27	25
Down Lisburn	409	2,454	1,104	0	0	0	30	8
Causeway	270	1,620	810	17	102	51	5	12
Homefirst	1,040	4,538	3,118	44	164	104	77	14
Armagh & Dungannon	190	898	491	3	15	8	14	3
Craigavon & Banbridge	223	970	541	13	26	5	0	37
Newry & Mourne	49	132	0	1	1	0	0	0
Foyle	248	875	602	17	63	45	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland	215	957	540	0	0	0	0	1
Northern Ireland	3,627	17,100	9,468	184	785	423	241	143

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	24	0	0	31	1,014	0	0	32	1,038	17
South & East Belfast	0	0	1	6	38	855	16	384	55	1,245	6
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	0	0	40	1,007	9	182	49	1,189	7
Down Lisburn	0	0	2	26	71	1,219	0	0	73	1,245	30
Causeway	0	0	0	0	28	683	6	146	34	829	36
Homefirst	0	0	5	166	103	2,174	6	126	114	2,466	35
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	38	865	4	74	42	939	10
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	1	2	52	23	550	2	52	28	655	7
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	27	700	1	20	28	720	14
Foyle	3	82	0	0	47	1,241	0	0	50	1,323	2
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	6	131	45	1,065	4	91	55	1,287	0
Northern Ireland	5	107	16	381	491	11,373	48	1,075	560	12,936	164

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	6	0	0	1	1	1	32	39	935	42	974
South & East Belfast	0	0	2	73	3	72	1	16	23	600	29	761
Ulster Community & Hospitals	12	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	234
Down Lisburn	2	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	610	27	693
Causeway	1	24	1	25	0	0	11	275	8	188	21	512
Homefirst	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	230	29	623	39	853
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	306	13	306
Craigavon & Banbridge	1	24	0	0	1	1	9	198	7	143	18	366
Newry & Mourne	1	48	0	0	0	0	7	185	1	32	9	265
Foyle	2	60	0	0	0	0	15	522	5	140	22	722
Sperrin Lakeland	0	0	0	0	1	32	24	518	2	40	27	590
Northern Ireland	20	479	3	98	6	106	78	1,976	152	3,617	259	6,276

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	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	2	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	180	11	260
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homefirst	1	20	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	24	3	94
Armagh & Dungannon	3	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	4	114
Craigavon & Banbridge	2	34	0	0	1	1	2	50	6	50	17	340	28	475
Newry & Mourne	1	58	0	0	0	0	9	270	0	0	0	0	10	328
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	11	395	0	0	1	1	12	370	6	50	32	924	62	1,740

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	445	578	0	0	0	0	445	578	0	0
South & East Belfast	73	85	45	66	0	0	118	151	18	19
Ulster Community & Hospitals	0	0	65	57	0	0	65	57	65	57
Down Lisburn	177	154	40	62	0	0	217	216	20	74
Causeway	58	93	0	0	0	0	58	93	0	0
Homefirst	660	848	98	169	0	0	758	1,017	0	0
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	59	129	13	26	72	155	2	2
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	197	290	10	14	207	304	0	0
Newry & Mourne	0	0	57	124	0	0	57	124	14	31
Foyle	35	195	79	115	0	0	114	310	15	28
Sperrin Lakeland	113	143	0	0	0	0	113	143	0	0
Northern Ireland	1,561	2,096	640	1,012	23	40	2,224	3,148	134	211

Source: DC6 and DC6a

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Key Points - Children in Hospital

- In 2005/06 there were 65 children admitted into hospital for periods of three months or more (Table 6.1).
- Almost one third (29%) of children in hospital for periods of three months or more during 2005/06 were less than 5 years of age (Table 6.1).

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	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	8	10
Armagh & Dungannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	4
Belfast City	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craigavon & Banbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Craigavon Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Down Lisburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2
Green Park	0	0	1	0	3	5	0	0	4	5	9
Homefirst	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North & West Belfast	0	0	4	0	10	1	4	4	18	5	23
South & East Belfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sperrin Lakeland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
UCHT	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	7
Northern Ireland	4	15	5	0	14	7	13	7	36	29	65

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 ^{1,2}

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
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	1	0	1	0	1
Craigavon Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Down Lisburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foyle	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	5
Green Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
Homefirst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	5	6
Newry & Mourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North & West Belfast	18	3	0	0	16	5	8	0	6	0	7	0	30	1	85	9	94
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	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
UCHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	3
Northern Ireland	20	5	0	0	19	5	8	0	6	2	8	0	35	9	96	21	117

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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Appendix 1: 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

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 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.

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.

Appendix 2: 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 20th October 2006 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 2005/2006). 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"/>
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Other (Please Specify)	<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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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"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey