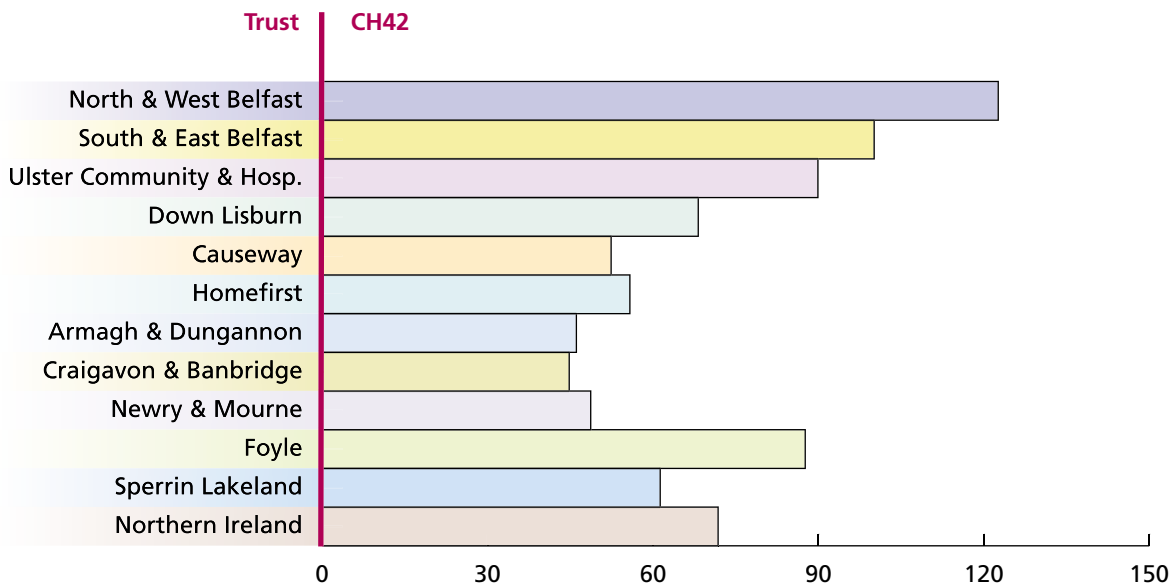


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Figure 3.5 : Looked After Children aged 12-15 per 10,000-population aged 12-15 (2001)

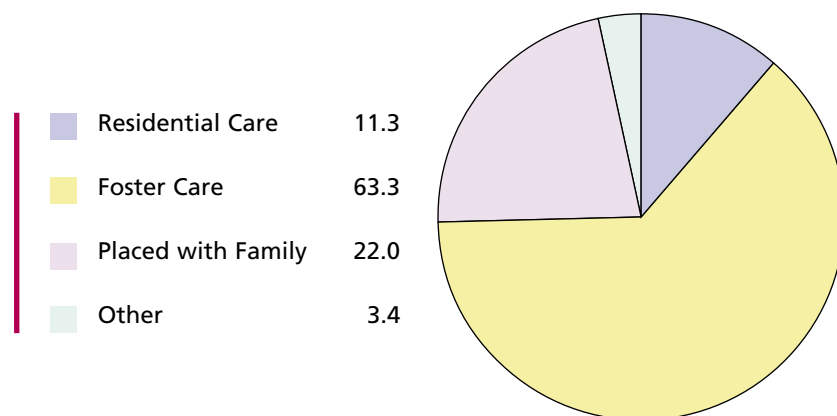


Looked After Children by Placement

Children being looked after are accommodated in either:

- residential care;
- foster care;
- placed with family;
- placed in some other form of accommodation such as a hospital or special school.

Figure 3.6 : Placement of Looked After Children (2001)



At March 2001, over 6 in 10 (63.3%) looked after children were placed in foster care, 11.3% were accommodated in residential care, 22.0% were placed with family and 3.4% were placed in other placements (Tables 3.4 & 3.5 and Figure 3.6).

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CH44 *Percentage of looked after children at 31 March who were in residential care*

CH45 *Percentage of looked after children at 31 March who were in foster care*

Table 3.4 : Percentage of Looked After Children in Residential or Foster Care at 31 March (1999 - 2001)

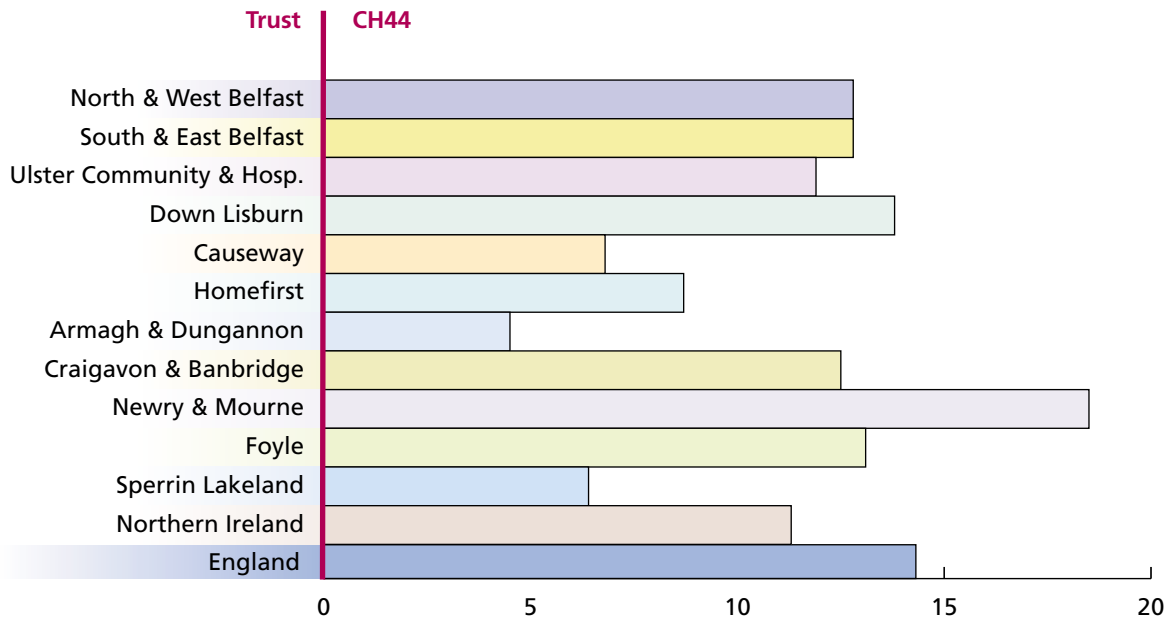
Trust	CH44			CH45		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
North & West Belfast	11.8	11.6	12.8	73.5	73.3	70.4
South & East Belfast	9.9	15.9	12.8	68.3	60.4	56.6
Ulster Community & Hosp.	12.4	13.8	11.9	55.0	53.9	48.2
Down Lisburn	12.6	14.2	13.8	57.7	54.9	49.3
Eastern	11.6	13.7	12.8	65.4	62.4	58.0
Causeway	8.1	6.9	6.8	67.6	62.9	73.5
Homefirst	8.5	8.0	8.7	65.5	70.6	69.7
Northern	8.4	7.7	8.2	66.0	68.4	70.7
Armagh & Dungannon	7.4	9.2	4.5	46.3	69.0	61.8
Craigavon & Banbridge	6.3	9.7	12.5	74.8	77.9	62.5
Newry & Mourne	13.8	19.7	18.5	68.8	59.1	55.6
Southern	8.7	12.0	11.1	63.6	70.3	60.2
Foyle	18.4	13.0	13.1	57.0	70.7	68.3
Sperrin Lakeland	8.0	9.4	6.4	75.9	74.1	72.1
Western	15.2	12.0	11.2	62.8	71.7	69.4
Northern Ireland	11.2	11.8	11.3	64.8	66.5	63.3
England	14.5	15.7	14.7	65.5	65.3	65.1

Almost two thirds (1,528) of looked after children were in foster placement at 31 March 2001, similar to the corresponding figure for England (65.1%). A slightly higher proportion of looked after children in England were placed in residential accommodation (14.7%), compared with 11.3% in Northern Ireland.

At 31 March 2001, the percentage of looked after children placed in residential accommodation varied slightly across Trusts, from 4.5% of looked after children in Armagh & Dungannon to 18.5% in Newry & Mourne (Table 3.4 and Figure 3.7).

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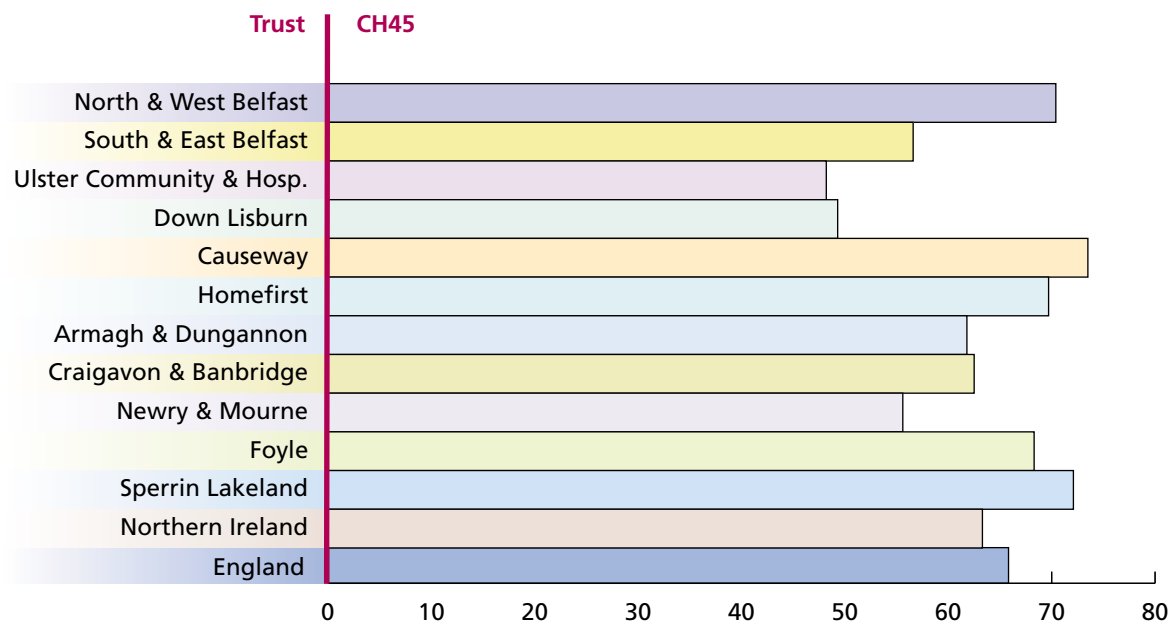
Figure 3.7 : Looked After Children placed in Residential Care (2001)



At 31 March 2001, Causeway (73.5 %) had the highest proportion of looked after children placed in foster care, whilst Ulster Community & Hospitals had the lowest (48.2%). Over the last three years, the proportion of looked after children placed in foster care in Armagh & Dungannon increased significantly, from 46.3% in 1999 to 61.8% in 2001.

Across Boards, the Northern Board (70.7%) had the highest proportion of looked after children placed in foster care, whilst the Eastern Board had the lowest (58.0%) (Table 3.4 and Figure 3.8).

Figure 3.8 : Looked After Children placed in Foster Care (2001)



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CH46a *Percentage of looked after children at 31 March who were placed with family*

CH48 *Percentage of looked after children at 31 March who were placed in other accommodation*

Table 3.5 ■ **Percentage of Looked After Children placed with Family or in other Accommodation at 31 March (1999-2001)**

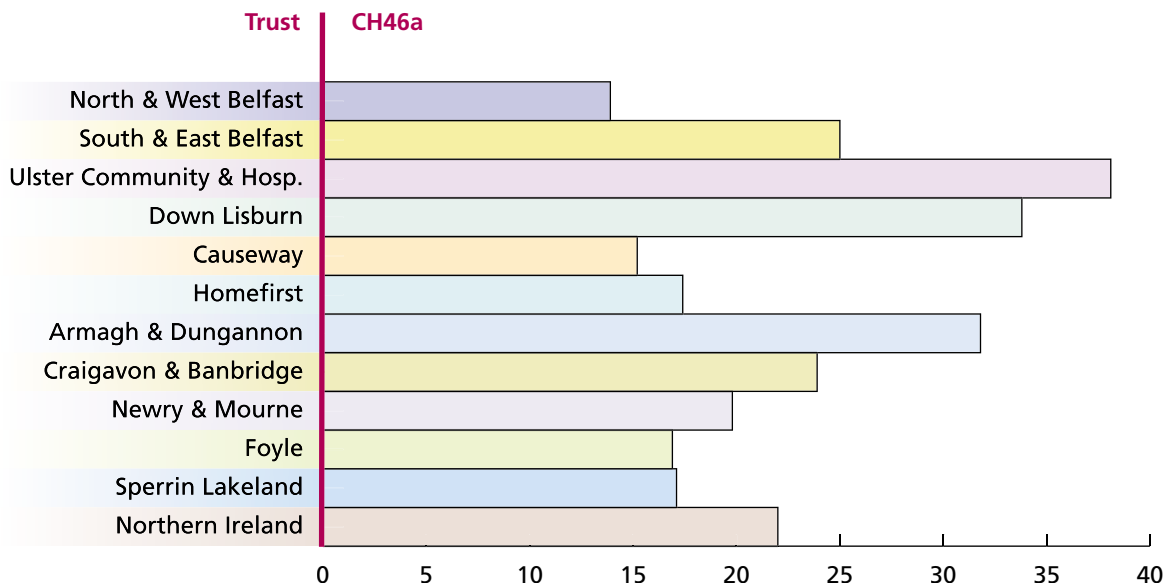
Trust	CH46a			CH48		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
North & West Belfast	12.1	12.2	13.9	2.7	2.9	3.0
South & East Belfast	17.5	20.1	25.0	4.4	3.5	5.6
Ulster Community & Hosp.	31.7	30.9	38.1	1.0	1.4	1.8
Down Lisburn	22.3	29.6	33.8	7.4	1.3	3.1
Eastern	19.3	21.5	25.7	3.7	2.4	3.5
Causeway	19.9	26.4	15.2	4.4	3.8	4.5
Homefirst	23.4	19.2	17.4	2.7	2.2	4.2
Northern	22.5	21.2	16.8	3.1	2.7	4.3
Armagh & Dungannon	41.1	17.2	31.8	5.3	4.6	1.8
Craigavon & Banbridge	18.9	12.4	23.9	0.0	0.0	1.1
Newry & Mourne	15.0	18.2	19.8	2.5	3.0	6.2
Southern	25.2	15.4	25.8	2.4	2.3	2.9
Foyle	23.9	14.8	16.9	0.6	1.4	1.7
Sperrin Lakeland	12.4	15.8	17.1	3.6	0.7	4.3
Western	20.4	15.1	17.0	1.6	1.2	2.4
Northern Ireland	21.0	19.5	22.0	3.0	2.2	3.4
England	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.7	2.4	2.7

At 31 March 2001, over one fifth (532) of looked after children were placed with family in Northern Ireland, compared with 19.5% (488) in 2000. Across Trusts, this ranged from 38.1% (86) in Ulster Community & Hospitals to 13.9% (51) in North & West Belfast.

Between 1999 and 2001, the proportion of looked after children placed with family increased in 7 of the eleven Trusts, most significantly in Down Lisburn (22.3% in 1999 to 33.8% in 2001) (Table 3.5 and Figure 3.9).

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Figure 3.9 : Percentage of Looked After Children placed with Family (2001)



At 31 March 2001, less than 1 in 20 (3.4 %) children looked after were placed in other accommodation. Across Trusts, this ranged from 1.1% in Craigavon & Banbridge to 6.2% in Newry & Mourne (Table 3.5 and Figure 3.10).

Figure 3.10 : Percentage of Looked After Children placed in Other Accommodation (2001)

