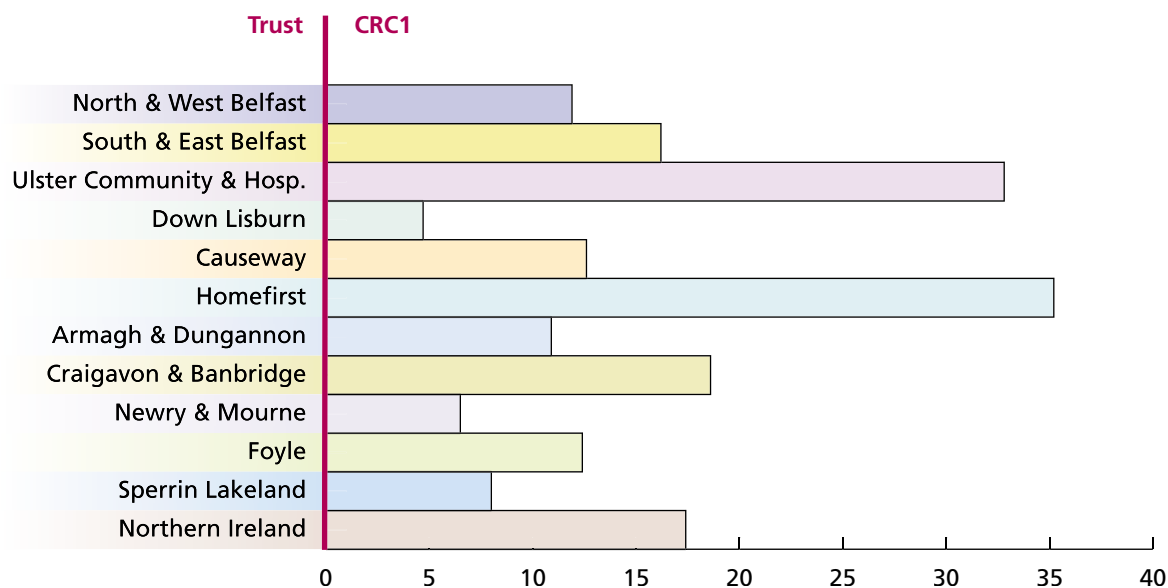


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Figure 4.1 : Children in Respite Care during the year ended 31 March 2001



## Placement of Children in Respite Care

**CRC2** Percentage of children receiving respite care in residential accommodation

**CRC3** Percentage of children receiving respite care in foster placements

**CRC4** Percentage of children receiving respite care within their family

Table 4.2 : Children in Respite Care by Placement (1998/99 - 2000/01)

Trust	CRC2			CRC3			CRC4		
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
North & West Belfast	11.1	0.0	0.0	83.3	100.0	94.3	5.6	0.0	3.8
South & East Belfast	1.9	0.0	0.0	96.2	100.0	100.0	1.9	0.0	0.0
Ulster Community & Hosp.	7.9	32.0	28.2	81.0	62.9	67.5	11.1	5.2	4.3
Down Lisburn	14.3	12.0	9.1	71.4	72.0	63.6	14.3	16.0	22.7
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Causeway	0.0	5.1	6.3	100.0	89.7	75.0	0.0	2.6	15.6
Homefirst	33.1	30.7	28.0	33.9	33.3	31.9	33.1	35.9	40.1
<b>Northern</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>37.8</b>
Armagh & Dungannon	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.2	95.2	94.1	4.8	4.8	5.9
Craigavon & Banbridge	68.2	54.9	40.7	24.2	25.5	35.6	7.6	5.9	8.5
Newry & Mourne	5.0	11.1	0.0	75.0	88.9	94.4	20.0	0.0	5.6
<b>Southern</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Foyle	0.0	0.0	1.6	100.0	95.7	92.2	0.0	4.3	6.3
Sperrin Lakeland	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	96.6	0.0	0.0	3.4
<b>Western</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>19.1</b>

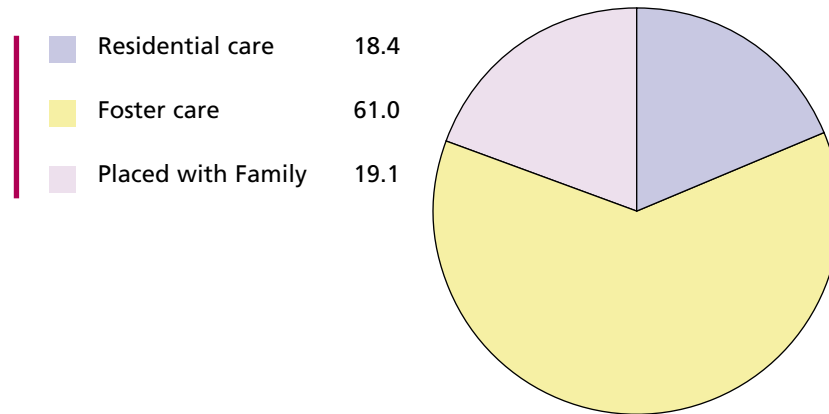
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Just over 60% (490) of children who received respite care in 2000/01 were placed in foster care, 18.4% (148) in residential care and 19.1% (153) were placed with family. The pattern varied significantly across Trusts, with one Trust (South & East Belfast) using only foster placements for respite care.

Craigavon & Banbridge used residential care for over 40% (24) of their respite placements, whilst Homefirst used placements with family to provide the majority of their respite care (40.1%).

Across Boards, the Western Board used foster care to provide for almost all (97%) of their respite placements, whilst the Northern Board divided their placements equally between foster care (36.0%), residential care (26.0%) and with family (37.8%) (Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2).

**Figure 4.2 : Children in Respite Care by Placement (2000/01)**



### Age of Children in Respite Care

- CRC5** *Percentage of children who received respite care aged under 5*
- CRC6** *Percentage of children who received respite care aged 5-11*
- CRC7** *Percentage of children who received respite care aged 12-15*
- CRC8** *Percentage of children who received respite care aged 16 & over*

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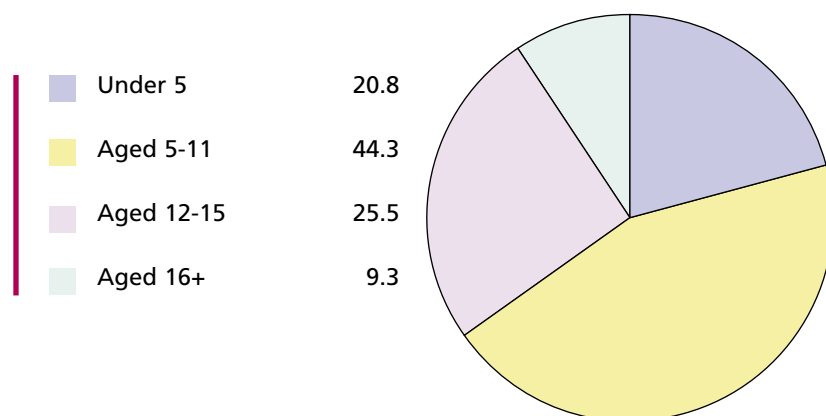
**Table 4.3 : Children in Respite Care by Placement (1998/99 - 2000/01)**

Trust	CRC5			CRC6			CRC7			CRC8		
	98/99	99/00	00/01	98/99	99/00	00/01	98/99	99/00	00/01	98/99	99/00	00/01
North & West Belfast	55.6	29.4	32.1	22.2	47.1	49.1	22.2	20.6	17.0	0.0	2.9	1.9
South & East Belfast	22.6	31.3	33.8	49.1	48.4	41.2	26.4	18.8	19.1	1.9	1.6	5.9
Ulster Community & Hosp.	22.2	21.6	16.2	52.4	55.7	50.4	17.5	17.5	27.4	7.9	5.2	6.0
Down Lisburn	0.0	20.0	4.5	57.1	52.0	50.0	28.6	28.0	36.4	14.3	0.0	9.1
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Causeway	20.0	28.2	12.5	52.5	43.6	46.9	25.0	23.1	40.6	2.5	5.1	0.0
Homefirst	16.1	13.3	13.0	38.3	46.3	44.3	31.9	27.0	25.4	13.7	13.3	17.3
<b>Northern</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Armagh & Dungannon	23.8	14.3	29.4	33.3	47.6	44.1	28.6	38.1	23.5	14.3	0.0	2.9
Craigavon & Banbridge	6.1	11.8	11.9	42.4	37.3	35.6	37.9	37.3	42.4	13.6	13.7	10.2
Newry & Mourne	15.0	22.2	44.4	45.0	33.3	33.3	35.0	22.2	22.2	5.0	22.2	0.0
<b>Southern</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Foyle	41.4	32.6	45.3	58.6	63.0	42.2	0.0	4.3	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sperrin Lakeland	38.9	33.3	31.0	44.4	42.9	41.4	16.7	23.8	24.1	0.0	0.0	3.4
<b>Western</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>

Over 40% (356) of children who received respite care in 2000/01 were aged 5-11, 25.5% (205) were aged 12-15, 20.8% (167) were aged under 5 and 9.3% (75) were aged 16 & over.

The age profile of children who received respite care varied across the eleven Trusts. In Foyle, 12.5% of children aged 11 & over received respite care, whilst in Craigavon & Banbridge 52.6% of children who received respite care were aged 11 & over. Three Trusts, (Foyle, Causeway and Newry & Mourne) had no children aged 16 & over receive respite care in 2000/01 (Table 4.3 and Figure 4.3).

**Figure 4.3 : Children in Respite Care by Age Group (2000/01)**



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## SECTION 5: Child Protection

### Child Protection Investigations

**CPI1** *Total number of child protection investigations during the year ended 31 March*

**CPI5** *Child protection investigations per 10,000-population aged under 18*

**Table 5.1** : Child Protection Investigations Completed during the Year (1998/99-2000/01)

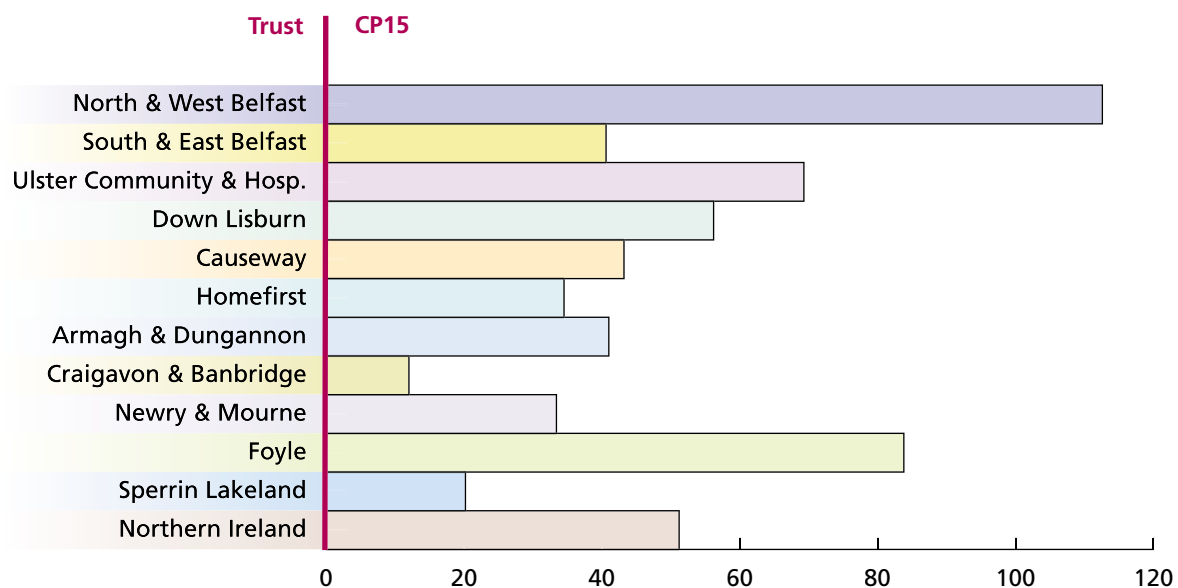
Trust	CPI1			CPI5		
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
North & West Belfast	585	537	502	131.2	120.4	112.6
South & East Belfast	260	196	171	61.8	46.6	40.6
Ulster Community & Hosp.	237	138	247	66.5	38.7	69.3
Down Lisburn	290	258	265	61.5	54.7	56.2
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>69.9</b>
Causeway	107	146	110	42.1	57.4	43.2
Homefirst	287	240	301	32.9	27.5	34.5
<b>Northern</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>36.5</b>
Armagh & Dungannon	61	106	128	19.5	33.9	41.0
Craigavon & Banbridge	157	135	38	49.5	42.6	12.0
Newry & Mourne	107	130	92	38.9	47.2	33.4
<b>Southern</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>
Foyle	724	486	433	140.1	94.0	83.8
Sperrin Lakeland	169	139	73	46.8	38.5	20.2
<b>Western</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>57.6</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>2,984</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>51.2</b>

During 2000/01, there were 2,360 child protection investigations, a rate of 51.2 investigations per 10,000-population aged under 18. Across trusts the rate of investigations per 10,000-population aged under 18 varied significantly, from 112.6 in North & West Belfast to 12.0 in Craigavon & Banbridge.

Over the last three years, the rate of child protection investigations has decreased significantly in North & West Belfast and Foyle; although, they still show highest rates (112.6 and 83.8 respectively). The number of child protection investigations carried out in Craigavon & Banbridge has also decreased significantly since 1998/99, from 49.5 investigations per, 10,000-population aged under 18 in 1998/99 to 12.0 in 2000/01 (Table 5.1 and Figure 5.1).

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Figure 5.1 : Child Protection Investigations per 10,000-population aged under 18 (2000/01)



**CP12** Percentage of child protection investigations conducted under joint protocol

**CP13** Percentage of child protection investigations conducted by social workers

**CP14** Percentage of child protection investigations conducted by police

Table 5.2 : Child Protection Investigations Completed during the Year (1998/99-2000/01)

Trust	CP12			CP13			CP14		
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
North & West Belfast	50.1	60.1	29.5	49.1	38.7	70.3	0.9	1.1	0.2
South & East Belfast	26.5	18.9	17.5	70.0	78.1	78.9	3.5	3.1	3.5
Ulster Community & Hosp.	23.6	13.8	9.3	72.2	85.5	90.3	4.2	0.7	0.4
Down Lisburn	31.7	14.3	14.0	64.1	83.7	81.5	4.1	1.9	4.5
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Causeway	74.8	69.2	40.9	23.4	30.1	58.2	1.9	0.7	0.9
Homefirst	23.0	24.6	19.3	75.3	74.2	78.1	1.7	1.3	2.7
<b>Northern</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Armagh & Dungannon	57.4	24.5	18.0	36.1	67.0	78.1	6.6	8.5	3.9
Craigavon & Banbridge	17.2	21.5	63.2	77.7	72.6	28.9	5.1	5.9	7.9
Newry & Mourne	34.6	20.8	26.1	64.5	74.6	65.2	0.9	4.6	8.7
<b>Southern</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Foyle	13.8	11.5	9.0	84.8	87.0	90.5	1.4	1.4	0.5
Sperrin Lakeland	42.0	30.9	26.0	56.2	69.1	69.9	1.8	0.0	4.1
<b>Western</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>