

December Monitoring Report of Children's Social Care (Coronavirus) (Temporary Modification of Children's Social Care) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020: Summary

Visits

Visits to Looked after Children

- 4,124 (99%) out of a planned 4,136 visits took place during the month of December.
- 12 (0.3%) visits were deferred.
- Of those visits that took place, 83% continued on a face-to-face basis while 17% of 'visits' took place remotely.

Registered Provider visits to children's homes

- 50 Monthly Monitoring Reports were submitted by Registered Providers of children's homes to RQIA. 70% of 'visits' were conducted remotely.

Reviews

Looked After Children Reviews

- 58 1st Reviews for looked after children were due to be completed this month. 2 reviews (3%) were held outside normal timescales.
- 159 2nd Reviews for looked after children were due to be completed this month. 15 of these reviews (9%) were held outside normal timescales.

Care Leavers – Pathway Plan

- 88 Pathway Plans were due to be reviewed during the month. 29 of the plans (33%) were reviewed at intervals of more than 6 months (the required timeframe) during the month.

Adoption Reviews

- Two adoption reviews were not completed within normal timescales.

Secure Care

- All reviews were completed within normal timescales and arrangements.

Approvals

Foster care – children

- 8 children were placed in an emergency placement for a period between 24 hours and 14 days.
- 24 children were placed in an immediate placement for between 12 and 20 weeks.
- Three immediate placements were with a registered childminder.

Foster Carers

- No fast track barred list checks were undertaken by AccessNI.
- No foster carers were approved on the basis of a fast track barred list check only
- 46 foster carers did not receive their 12 monthly review this month.
- 186 foster care reviews were more than 3 months overdue.

Representations / Complaints

- 3 representations / complaints were reported during December as being within the extended timescales.

