

# February 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*

- 4,071 (99.6%) out of a planned 4,088 visits took place during the month of February 2021.
- 17 (0.4%) visits were deferred.
- 42% of visits continued on a face-to-face basis while 57.6% 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. 86% of visits were conducted remotely.

## Reviews

### *Looked After Reviews*

- 85 1st Reviews for Looked After children were due to be completed this month. 5 reviews (6%) were held outside normal timescales. Some of these delays were COVID-related.
- 114 2<sup>nd</sup> Reviews for Looked After children were due to be completed this month. 1 of these reviews (1%) was held outside normal timescales. This delay was COVID-related.

### ***Care Leavers – Pathway Plan***

- 71 Pathway Plans were due to be reviewed during the month. 24 of the plans (34%) were reviewed at intervals of more than 6 months during the month. The delays were for a number of reasons including COVID-related.

### ***Adoption Reviews***

- All adoption reviews were completed within normal timescales.

### ***Secure Care***

- All reviews were completed within normal timescales and arrangements.

## **Approvals**

### ***Foster care – children***

- 19 children were placed in an emergency placement for a period between 24 hours and 14 days.
- 37 children were placed in an immediate placement for between 12 and 20 weeks.

### ***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.
- 50 foster carers did not receive their 12 monthly review during February 2021.
- 234 foster care reviews were more than 3 months overdue. Some of these were COVID-related.

## **Representations / Complaints**

- No representations / complaints were reported during February 2021.