

SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

Directed Statutory Functions Interim Corporate Parenting Report

1st April – 30th September 2023

Draft Version for approval by EMT

1.0 Introduction

This is the interim report on the discharge of directed statutory functions and corporate parenting (CC3/02) within the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (the Trust) covering the reporting period 1st April to 30th September 2023.

This report provides assurance and analysis of the Trust's provision of directed statutory functions across children's services. The Trust is reporting that it is satisfied that directed statutory function requirements have achieved reasonable compliance across all service areas.

10 Children (NI) Order 1995

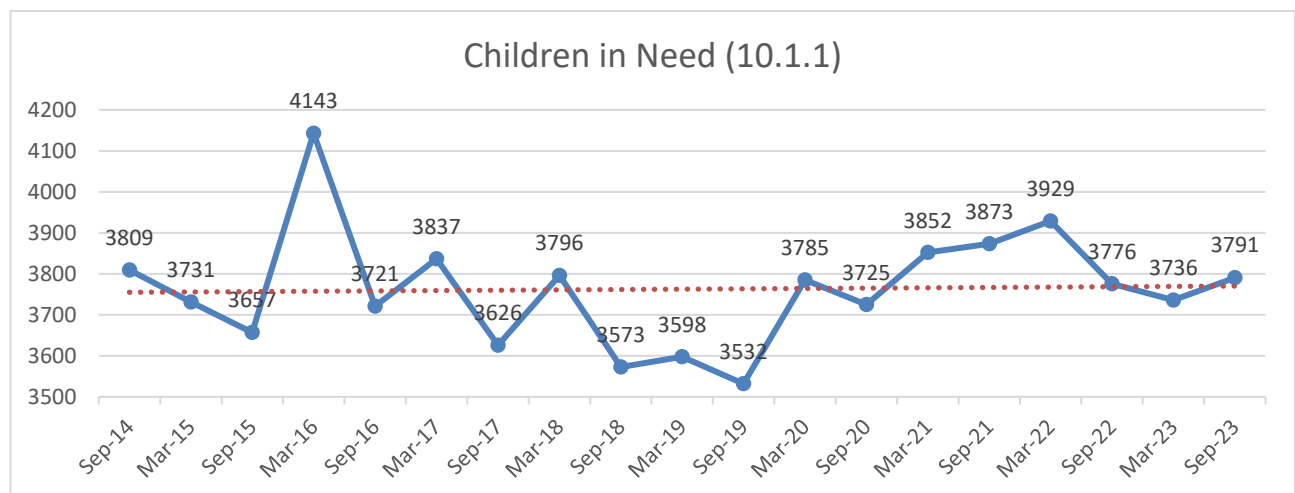
10.1 CHILDREN IN NEED

10.1.1	How many Children in Need are there in your area as at 30th September? (exclude children on the caseloads of statutory mental health services)	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Children	50	53	365	318	882	705	510	414	289	205	2096	1695
TOTAL	50	53	365	318	882	705	510	414	289	205	2096	1695

<i>Trend analysis and commentary (Trusts must clarify how they arrive at this total figure, and reference any likelihood of double or under representation)</i>	Data Return 10
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There are 3791 children in need known to the Trust; an increase of 55 young people in the last reporting period. The run chart below shows that whilst this is the first increase since March 2022, the number of children in need remains within the normal range, thus attributable to common cause variation.



10.1.2

Ethnic Origin of Children in Need

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Ethnicity	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	37	31	229	196	552	434	383	281	205	142	1406	1084	2490
Chinese	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	6
Irish Traveller	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	5	4	9
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	4
Indian	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	4
Pakistani	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	6
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black African	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	5	8	5	13
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	4
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	7	4	14	11	7	5	3	2	31	22	53
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	1	1	3	8	2	4	4	0	10	13	23
Not Stated	13	21	126	114	301	250	115	116	69	52	624	553	1177
TOTAL	50	53	365	318	882	705	510	414	289	205	2096	1695	3791

10.1.3

Religion of Children in Need

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Religion	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Roman Catholic	15	13	77	59	185	150	139	106	83	61	499	389	888
Presbyterian	4	5	33	31	59	69	47	43	28	18	171	166	337
Church of Ireland	1	0	11	6	34	17	31	25	19	15	96	63	159
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	3	1	0	8	5	13
Methodist	0	0	1	0	5	6	3	3	0	2	9	11	20
Other Christian	5	4	40	30	75	66	66	47	35	22	221	169	390
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	2	1	4	4	5	3	6	5	17	13	30
Other	2	0	3	5	10	16	7	3	3	2	25	26	51
Not Known	18	26	164	152	437	317	171	154	98	66	888	715	1603
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	5	5	34	34	69	58	37	26	16	14	161	137	298
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	50	53	365	318	882	705	510	414	289	205	2096	1695	3791

10.1.4	(a) How many children have been referred for an Assessment of Need during the reporting period i.e. 1st April – 30 th September.	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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	<1	1 - 4	5 - 11	12 - 15	16+	Total
Number of Children Referred	108	351	629	342	130	1560

There has been a decrease (897) in the number of referrals received for assessment of need during this reporting period.

	(b) What was the source of referral for children referred for assessment of need during the reporting period i.e. 1st April – 30 th September	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Referral Source/Agent	No of Children
Police	464
Social Worker	122
Out of Hrs Co-ordinator	0
Relative	114
Teacher	137
Anonymous	89
Hospital Social Worker	39
GP	52
Hospital Nurse	64
Health Visitor	56
Court	0
Probation Officer	38
Vol. Organisation	4
Self	53
Community Psych. Nurse	43
N.S.P.C.C	8
NIHE	6
Comm. Mental H/C Nurse	0
Education Welfare Officer	3
Others	268
Total	1560

10.1.6	How many of these Children in Need are Disabled and known to Trust Social Workers (by major category) at 30th September? <i>Ensure any specific issues are raised in the Service level summary</i>	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Major Disability	<1		0 - 4		5 - 11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	1	0	14	13	22	19	11	9	12	3	60	44	104
Sensory	1	0	5	8	18	12	5	4	5	3	34	27	61
Learning	0	0	22	14	226	96	141	66	89	40	478	216	694
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's	0	0	0	0	78	37	78	41	51	17	207	95	302
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (With Disability)	2	0	41	35	344	164	235	120	157	63	779	382	1161
No Disability	48	53	324	283	538	541	275	294	132	142	1317	1313	2630
Grand Total	50	53	365	318	882	705	510	414	289	205			3791

There are 1161 children with disabilities, an increase of 41 from the last reporting period. The largest increase (35) has been within the Autism (ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's category.

The learning disability category at 694 continues to have the highest number, with a further increase of 18 from the last reporting period (676).

A high number of children known to disability services are in the 16+ age range and there continues to be challenges regarding service provision for young people transitioning to adult services.

The demand for provision for children with disabilities remains high, in spite of continued improvement in the staff vacancy rates, there are 288 unallocated cases, an increase of 184 from the last reporting period.

10.1.7	Disabled children known to the Trust who left school during the reporting period and the transition plans that are in place.	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Age at leaving school	>16 <17		>17 <18		18+		Total		Number with Transitions in place	
Disability Type	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Physical disability	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	4	1
Sensory Impairment	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Learning disability	0	0	0	0	20	9	0	0	20	9
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Autism (ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	2	2	26	10	0	0	28	12

10.1.10	How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers	Data Return 10
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55 children in need are young carers.

	Period 1 April 2023 – 30 September 2023
Total Number of Service Users	64
Level 1	3
Level 2	0
Level 3	57
Level 4	4
Assessment Stage	18

10.1.11	How many young people aged 16 and 17 years presented to the Trust as homeless?	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Age	Number of Young People who presented to the Trust as Homeless during the reporting period
16	2
17	8
Total	10

10.1.12	(a) How many Trust sponsored Day Care Places provided through any means including Article 18, Fostering or others are there for Children in Need at period end (b) How many of these children have a disability	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Day Care	Number of Purchased Places by Age	
	0 – 4	5-12
Day Nursery	61	10
Playgroup	0	0
Childminder	30	9
Out of School hours club	0	17
Total	91	36

	(b) How many of these children have a disability	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet
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How many of these children have a disability?

0 – 4	5-12
4	4

10.1.13

Trust usage of Family Centre Places for interventions

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FAMILIES						
Name of Centre	Stat/Vol	Number of Referrals by Primary Reason for Intervention		Completed During Period		On Waiting List at Period End
		Primary Reason	Number of Referrals	Average Wait from Referral to Start of Intervention (Weeks)	Average Length of Intervention (Weeks)	
SET Connects	Statutory	Family Support	0	0	0	0
		Child Protection	0	0	0	0
		Looked After	60	3.5	69	17
Colin Family Centre	Statutory	Family Support	0	n/a	n/a	0
		Child Protection	18	9 weeks	17 weeks	10
		Looked After	9	0	21 weeks	5
Knocknashinna Family Centre	Statutory	Family Support	0	n/a	n/a	0
		Child Protection	7	4 weeks	10 weeks	4
		Looked After	10	0	13 weeks	6
Simpson Family Centre	Voluntary	Family Support	2	0-6 weeks	12-20 weeks	0
		Child Protection	17	0-6 weeks	12-20 weeks	0
		Looked After	30	0-6 weeks	12-20 weeks	0

10.1.15	Please provide the number of children (if any) subject to a Supervision / Interim Supervision Order at period end (moved from Child Protection section)	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Supervision Orders	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	4	8
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	5	9

10.1.16	During the period, please provide the number of children (if any) that became subject of a Supervision / Interim Supervision Order (moved from Child Protection section)	DSF - Children In Need Spreadsheet
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Supervision Orders	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art. 50 (1) (b) Supervision Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

10.2 Children (NI) Order 1995

CHILD PROTECTION

10.2.1	How many children are on the Child Protection Register as at 30th September?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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326 children were on the Child Protection Register at the end of the reporting period. This is an increase of 11 from the last reporting period (315).

10.2.2	How many of these children have a learning disability?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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14 children have a learning disability.

10.2.3	How many of these children have a physical disability?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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1 child has a physical disability.

10.2.4	Religion of children on the Child Protection Register	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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Religion	Male						Female						Overall Total
	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	<1	1-4	5-11	2-15	16+	Total	
Roman Catholic	7	16	18	12	5	58	6	10	30	12	4	62	120
Presbyterian	2	7	8	8	0	25	1	7	17	10	1	36	61
Church of Ireland	0	2	2	1	2	7	0	1	2	1	0	4	11
Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3
Other Denomination	1	5	13	9	2	30	0	4	8	6	2	20	50
None	1	4	12	8	0	25	1	4	16	6	3	30	55
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	6	9	1	1	17	0	3	5	0	1	9	26
Total	11	40	62	39	10	162	8	29	81	35	11	164	326

10.2.5	Ethnic origin of children on the Child Protection Register (Note new categories now used in quarterly child protection template)	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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Ethnic Origin	Male						Female						Overall Total
	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	<1	1-4	5-11	12-15	16+	Total	
White	11	34	52	37	10	144	8	24	73	34	10	149	293
Chinese	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Irish Traveller	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indian	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladeshi	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	3	6
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	0	4	5	1	0	10	0	3	6	0	1	10	20
Total	11	40	62	39	10	162	8	29	81	35	11	164	326

10.2.6	How many registrations have there been during the period?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG/Sosc are Reports
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There were **177** registrations during the period.

10.2.7	How many de-registrations have there been during the period?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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There were **158** de-registrations during the period.

10.2.8	What percentage of registrations are re-registrations?	Quarterly CP return to SPPG
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24.3% (43) registrations were re-registrations.

10.2.10

For children on the register, how long have they spent on the Register (as at 10.2.1)?

Quarterly
CP return
to SPPG

Duration	Age Groups					
	Under one Year	1 - 4	5 - 11	12 - 15	16+	TOTAL
less than 3 months	4	21	40	20	4	89
3 months < 6 months	4	9	24	15	9	61
6 months < 1 year	11	20	36	16	1	84
1 year < 2 years	0	12	29	14	5	60
2 years < 3 years		6	9	3	1	19
3 years or more		1	5	6	1	13
TOTAL	19	69	143	74	21	326

71.8% of the children (234) on the child protection register are registered for less than a year.

10.3 Children (NI) Order 1995

Looked After Children

10.3.1	Provide the current legal status for all Looked After Children at 30th September (excluding any who are LAC on that day only by virtue of a short break arrangement)	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Legal status	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	3	3	14	15	21	24	17	12			55	54	109
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									23	14	23	14	37
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	3	1	19	7	18	14	4	9	0	0	44	31	75
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									9	11	9	11	20
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Art. 44 (6) Interim Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 50 (1) (a) Care Order	0	0	16	12	71	42	55	50	31	23	173	127	300
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	4	3	20	19	19	17	9	11	3	3	55	53	108
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Other	0	0	12	5	4	3	1	3	2	0	19	11	30
TOTAL	11	7	81	58	133	100	87	86	68	52	380	303	683

*Other:

- 16 children are subject to Freeing Orders.
- 12 Route to Care.
- 2 Article 44 M.H.O.

10.3.2	Religion and Ethnic origin of Looked After Children (please provide by new list of ethnic minorities)	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Religion	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Roman Catholic	5	1	20	16	39	34	32	32	28	18	124	101	225
Presbyterian	0	3	18	13	26	27	19	17	11	6	74	66	140
Church of Ireland	1	0	8	1	15	5	13	11	7	9	44	26	70
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	6	2	8
Methodist	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	3	5	8
Other Christian	4	1	16	12	21	20	10	14	5	8	56	55	111
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	3	6	3	9
Other	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	2	7	6	13
Not Known	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	3	7
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	0	2	16	13	23	10	7	8	9	2	55	35	90
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	11	7	81	58	133	100	87	86	68	52	380	303	683

Ethnicity	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	11	7	79	54	125	97	83	82	56	43	354	283	637
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish Traveller	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	4
Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black African	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	4	6	4	10
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	3
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	1	3	5	2	2	1	1	1	9	7	16
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	5
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	2	6
TOTAL	11	7	81	58	133	100	87	86	68	52	380	303	683

10.3.3	Number of Looked After Children (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 30th September	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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All Looked After Children		<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Residential	Statutory	0	0	0	0	4	1	10	13	6	7	20	21	41	
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	1	8	4	12	
	Private inc ECR's	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Residential Total	0	0	0	0	6	1	14	16	12	8	32	25	57	
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	4	5	14	15	23	13	18	15	15	7	74	55	129	
Kinship Care	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	1	0	3	2	2	5	3	4	1	0	10	11	21	
	Kinship Care (Friends/relative)	0	0	17	13	33	32	11	13	12	10	73	68	141	
	Unregulated (In Placement >12 weeks and not yet approved)	3	1	19	16	31	19	17	12	5	10	75	58	133	
	Independent Providers	3	1	16	6	28	21	12	16	5	3	64	47	111	
	Fostering Total	11	7	69	52	117	90	61	60	38	30	296	239	535	
Placed at Home with Parents		0	0	2	1	6	8	9	8	5	4	22	21	43	
Placed for Adoption (LAC Children, with a Care Order, placed with Adoptive Parents)		0	0	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	12	6	18	
Other		0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	13	10	18	12	30	
Overall TOTAL		11	7	81	58	133	100	87	86	68	52	380	303	683	

The number of young people who are looked after in residential care (57) has increased by 5 from the last reporting period.

There continues to be a number of children in unregulated placements (133) an increase of 6 from the last reporting period. Assurance systems are in place to monitor all unregulated places.

10.3.4	Age bands and length of time looked after for all Looked After Children at period end	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Length of time Looked After at period end	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
< 3 months	2	0	4	2	3	4	2	2	9	1	20	9	29
3 months to < 1year	9	7	22	10	19	15	8	10	10	13	68	55	123
1 year < 3 years	0	0	38	37	40	33	21	17	7	9	106	96	202
3 years < 5years	0	0	17	9	22	14	12	15	7	7	58	45	103
5years < 10 years	0	0	0	0	47	32	31	29	15	12	93	73	166
10+ years	0	0	0	0	2	2	13	13	20	10	35	25	60
Total	11	7	81	58	133	100	87	86	68	52	380	303	683

10.3.5	Number of children provided with a short break during the period who become Looked After by virtue of the short break arrangement	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Name of Unit	Children/Young People																	
	<1			1 - 4			5 - 11			12 - 15			16+			Total		
	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Over night	No. of Ch/YP	Events / Episodes	Total Over night
Foster Carers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	11	0	0	0	1	6	11
Forest Lodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	56	78	4	15	37	9	71	115
Lindsay House	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	4	7	19	1	1	3	6	10	28
Greenhill YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	17	28	14	55	70	2	3	8	21	75	106
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	19	34	24	124	178	7	19	48	37	162	260

Short break provision has remained at a reduced level throughout the reporting period. Due to a lack of placement availability, Lindsay House accommodated 3 children who are looked after by the Trust affecting its short break provision. Staffing vacancies and the

inability to recruit to permanent positions continue to impact on the Trust's ability to provide short break services.

Beechfield and Greenhill YMCA achieved independent registration from RQIA.

10.3.6	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in a hospital	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Facility Name	Age at Placement		Total	Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+		
Cygnet Health, Bury	0	1	1	1
Total	0	1	1	1

10.3.7	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in an adult facility. For example Residential Care Home, Nursing Home, Private Hospital	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Facility Name	Age at Placement		Total	Number Resident at Period End
	Under 16	16+		
None	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

10.3.8	(a) What facilities – statutory, voluntary and private are available to care for these Looked After Children i.e. how many places in residential homes, foster care placements	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Name of Residential Unit	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	No of Beds	No of Beds available to Trust	Trust % occupancy 1.4.23-30.9.23	No of Respite beds	Respite % occupancy
Ardmore	x			2	2	100%	0	0
Ashgrove	x			6	6	95%	0	0
Cuan Court	x			8	8	57%	0	0
Flaxfield	x			8	8	79%	0	0
Marmion	x			8	8	65%	0	0
Oaklands	x			6	6	86%	0	0
William street	x			8	8	67%	0	0
Safe Places			x	2	1	100%	0	0
BCM Grampian		x		1	1	100%	0	0
BCM Riverside		x		5	5	86%	0	0
Barnardo's Haywood		x		2	1	100%	0	0
Barnardo's Annadale		x		8	1	100%	0	0
MACS Downpatrick		x		3	3	100%	0	0
MACS Lisburn		x		3	3	67%	0	0
MACS Belfast		x		18	2	100%	0	0
Glenmore Cottage	X			4	4	100%	0	0
Beechfield Short to Medium Care	X			4	4	70%	0	0
Lindsay House short term care	X			8	3	100%	1	50%
Greenhill YMCA	X			2	2	0%	2	100%
Forest Lodge Short Breaks	X			1	1	0%	1	21%
Somerton Road	X			5	2	100%	0	0

	(b) Provide your number of foster carers (should agree with 10.5.1) Provide the number of approved places offered (should agree with 10.5.2)	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Number of Foster Carers	333
Number of Approved Places Offered	360

10.3.9	How many Looked After Children have had placement moves throughout the period? Trust must provide an explanation of actions taken to reduce placement moves during the period.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Placement changes	0 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Number who moved once	11	6	9	6	7	9	5	1	32	22
Number who moved twice	0	0	4	2	1	2	2	1	7	5
Number who moved 3 times	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	3	3
Number who moved 4 times or more	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	11	7	14	9	10	13	7	3	42	32

74 children experienced placement moves during the reporting period, an increase of 32. The Trust continues to monitor all placements moves to ensure the safe and effective care of children and young people during crisis.

54 children moved placement once during this reporting period. 12 children had 2 placements moves. 6 children moved placements three times and 2 children had 4 placement moves.

10.3.10	(a) How many Looked After Children are awaiting assessment or treatment with child and adolescent mental health services at 30th September?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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12 children who are looked after are awaiting assessment of treatment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health services.

(b) How many Looked After Children have been referred for therapeutic services and their waiting time.

DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Referrals	Foster Care (non kin/traditional)	Kinship Foster Care	Residential Care	Young People Exiting Care	Post Adoption Support	TOTAL
Total Number of Referrals received this period	33	10	12	0	5	60
Source of these referrals received from						
Child's Social Worker	33	10	12	0	5	60
Carer's Social Worker	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoptive parents	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
FACTSNI	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Referrals Accepted	29	10	12	0	5	56
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	4	0	0	0	0	4
Number of referrals signposted to another service						
CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Psychology Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post Adoption Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children engaged with the Service by substantive placement						
Number of children engaged with the Service at period start date	79	17	49	0	17	162
Number of children seen on a once off basis during the period	3	1	2	0	1	7
Number of children discharged from Service during the period	22	8	15	0	6	51
Number of children transferred to another Service during the period:						
- CAMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
- DAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Adult Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Adult Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Post Adoption Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children engaged with the Service at period end date	83	18	44	0	15	160

Service delivery during the period	
Number of Reviews undertaken	704
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	3.5
Number on waiting list at end of period	17
Numbers of DNAs during the period	47
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	23
For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average length of involvement (weeks)	69
TOTAL	774

Consultations provided by the Service during the period		
	Number	Number which were repeat
• Social worker	346	ongoing
• CAMHS	11	ongoing
• DAMS	0	0
• Teacher	19	ongoing
• Psychiatry	0	0
• G.P.	0	0
Carers/adoptive parents	245	ongoing
One off'	7	0
Children/Young People	76	ongoing

(c) Please provide actions taken to reduce waiting time.

Data Return
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The average waiting time for an appointment during the reporting period is 3.5 weeks, with no breaches to target waiting times (Pfa target is 13 weeks for Psychological Therapies). Appointments have been arranged for all referrals on the waiting list at report end.

The service triages referrals and signposts to other services where appropriate and offer consultations when significant concerns are identified.

The data provided for the total number of review appointments includes the total number of consultations at the Narrative Clinic.

10.3.12	How many Looked After Children are Disabled by major category at period end?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Major Disability	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	4
Sensory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning	0	0	1	0	9	3	7	11	11	4	28	18	46
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/Asperger's/ADHD	0	0	0	0	17	13	23	10	13	8	53	31	84
Other (undefined)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Children With Disability	0	0	3	0	26	16	32	21	24	12	85	49	134
No Disability known	11	7	78	58	107	84	55	65	44	40	295	254	549
Total Looked After Children	11	7	81	58	133	100	87	86	68	52	380	303	683

10.3.13	How many Looked After Children have a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) by school status at period end?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Statement of Educational Needs	M	F	Total
Primary school	32	18	50
Secondary school	48	29	77
Special School	47	29	76
Total	127	76	203

During this reporting period there has been an increase (60) in the number of looked after children with a statement of educational needs.

10.3.14	(a) Has each Looked After Child an allocated a named social worker at period end? No	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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No, each child who is looked after did not have a named social worker.

	(b) If no, give number of children and provide an update in the service summary on current position and actions taken	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<p>43 children who are looked after do not have an allocated social worker.</p> <p>All cases have been risk assessed and moved to unallocated as a last resort, due to the workforce pressures being experienced in the service. All children have met the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All are in settled, long-term placements. • A social worker is completing all statutory visits and LAC reviews. <p>Assurance systems are in place to monitor unallocated cases and updates provided on a monthly basis to the Assistant Director.</p>		
10.3.15	(a) Did each Looked After Child receive a statutory visit by their allocated and named social worker at least once a month during the period? No	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<p>No, 68 children looked after by the Trust were not seen within statutory timescales.</p>		
	(b) If no, give number of children and provide an update in the service summary on current position and actions taken.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<p>3893 statutory visits took place within this reporting period, 68 of these visits were outside the statutory timescales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing issues including vacancies (30), sick leave (15), annual leave (1) • Young person on holidays (4) • Young person refused to see social worker (4) • Bereavement in family (4) • Abortive visit (4) • Young Person unavailable (1) • Carer ill (1) • Child ill (1) • Young person in hospital (1) • Covid in family (1) • Young person absconded (1) 		

10.3.16	No. of Looked After Children Reviews held during the period	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<p>766 reviews for children who are cared for by the Trust were held during the period.</p>		
10.3.17	<p>Was the case of each Looked After Child reviewed in line with Statutory requirements? No</p> <p>If No, please provide number (<i>in the LAC spreadsheet</i>) and explain actions taken to address this issue.</p>	Data Return 10
<p>Not all reviews for children who are cared for by the Trust were held within statutory timeframes. 78 reviews took place outside the statutory timescale.</p> <p>The reasons for noncompliance are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing issues (64) • Parents/carers unavailable (4) • Social work report not complete (3) • Parents sick (2) • Awaiting outcome of specialist assessment (1) • Strike Action (1) 		
10.3.20	Is there an adequate supply of placements for children to enable placement choice? No	Data Return 10
<p>The continued demand for fostering placements highlights the on-going need for independent providers to be utilised to support children who are cared for by the Trust. The use of independent providers (111) continues to place considerable fiscal challenges on the Trust.. The Trust continues to review, track and monitor placements through the monthly resource panel and referral meetings to address demand and capacity, throughput and potential placements through the tracking of fosters carers coming through panel against those children requiring fostering placements. The Trust is seeking to reduce the number of independent fostering places as a priority.</p> <p>During this reporting period capacity issues within the Trust has led to 49 children deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs.</p>		
10.3.21	How many exceptions to the normal fostering limit were made to foster care approvals in order for a child to be placed in an emergency in the reporting period?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
<p>There was 1 exemption to the normal fostering limit for a sibling group of 3.</p>		

10.3.23	How many children are deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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49 children are deemed to be in inappropriate placements given their assessed needs at the end of this reporting period.

- **22** children in residential require foster placements;
- **6** children with parents require foster placements;
- **8** children in unregulated kinship arrangements require foster placements;
- **3** children in independent requiring alternative placements
- **3** children in regulated kinship placements require alternative placements.
- **2** children in learning disability short break facility require fostering placements
- **2** children in specialist residential placements require foster placements;
- **2** children in short term fostering require alternative long-term placements;
- **1** young person in a learning disability hospital requires a fostering placement.

10.3.24	Please provide the number of restraints carried out by staff on young people within each Home during the period.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Name of Home: Ardmore	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	19
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	19

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
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Name of Home: Ashgrove	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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Name of Home: Cuan Court	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
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Name of Home: Flaxfield	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: Marmion	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: Oaklands	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
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Name of Home: William Street	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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Name of Home: Glenmore	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	2	2	8	0	10	2
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	2	2	8	0	10	2

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	1
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Name of Home: Lindsay House	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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Name of Home: Greenhill	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Name of Home: Beechfield	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Reason for Use of Restraint								
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0
To prevent serious criminal damage to property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To prevent young person from leaving Home(due to risk of significant harm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total no. of restraints	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
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10.3.25	Do all looked after children have a concurrent plan by the time of their first 3 month statutory LAC Review? Yes	Data Return 10
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Yes, all children who are looked after have a concurrent plan by their first 3 month statutory LAC Review.

10.3.26	Permanency Planning for Looked After Children at period end	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Permanency Plan	<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Return to Birth Family	0	0	2	1	6	8	9	8	5	4	22	21	43
Return to Kinship Carers outside LAC system (Friend/Relative/Family Placement)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoption	0	0	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	12	6	18
Long term Fostering (Including Kinship)	9	7	65	50	115	87	60	60	37	30	286	234	520
Supported Living/Independent Living	0	0	0	0	6	0	13	14	14	12	33	26	59
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	3	5	7	7	14
Total	9	7	77	56	130	96	85	84	59	51	360	294	654

Number of children not included above as they have been in care for less than 9 months	2	0	4	2	3	4	2	2	9	1	20	9	29
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Number where plan has been in place for 12 months or more and yet to be achieved	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
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10.3.29	(a) How many Looked After Children are involved in offending behaviour (are formally cautioned or convicted)	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Age	<1		1- 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16		17		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Cautioned					0	0	4	4	5	2	4	3	13	9	22
Remanded					0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	2	4	6
Convicted					0	0	2	4	0	1	1	0	3	5	8
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	11	5	4	5	3	18	18	36

10.3.34	(a) How many Looked After Children have been reported to the Police for reasons other than having gone missing for 24 hours or more during the period? (This table should be completed for each Residential Facility, it is not required for Foster Carers)	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Ardmore

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	2	8	0	0	2	8
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	3	10	0	0	3	10

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		1		0		1	
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Ashgrove

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	5
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	7
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	1	1	6	2	7
Total	0	0	3	3	3	18	6	21

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		3		1		4	
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Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	2	8	1	1	3	9
Breach of Bail	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	5
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Assault within Placement	0	0	4	7	0	0	4	7
Other	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	4
Total	0	0	10	24	2	2	12	26

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		5		1		6	
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Flaxfield

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	6	43	4	21	10	64
Breach of Bail	0	0	3	18	2	5	5	23
Child At Risk	0	0	4	10	4	5	8	15
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	1	2	4	3	5
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Other	0	0	6	29	4	22	10	51
Total	0	0	21	102	16	57	37	159

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		6		4		10	
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Marmion

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	1	14	4	15	0	0	5	29
Breach of Bail	1	7	1	2	0	0	2	9
Child At Risk	1	14	4	34	0	0	5	48
Criminal Damage within Placement	1	2	3	3	0	0	4	5
Assault within Placement	1	13	3	9	0	0	4	22
Other	0	0	4	19	0	0	4	19
Total	5	50	19	82	0	0	24	132

Total no of individual children this relates to:	1		4		0		5	
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Oaklands

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	3	32	3	26	6	58
Breach of Bail	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Child At Risk	0	0	1	1	1	3	2	4
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	5
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	5	1	2	3	7
Other	0	0	3	16	3	16	6	32
Total	0	0	11	58	9	49	20	107

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		3		3		6	
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William Street

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	2	13	1	3	3	16
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
Child At Risk	0	0	3	8	2	4	5	12
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	2	9	2	4	4	13
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	3
Other	0	0	3	21	2	35	5	56
Total	0	0	12	53	9	51	21	104

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		3		3		6	
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Glenmore

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Total	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		0		1		1	
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Lindsay House

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		0		0		0	
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Greenhill

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		0		0		0	
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Beechfield

Reason	Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events	No of Children	No. of Events
Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	2	6	2	6

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		0		1		1	
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10.3.35	Number of children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more by category	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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0 children who are looked after have been accommodated by ELB during the period.

10.3.36	(a) Number of Sibling groups accommodated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together • Not accommodation together at period end 	Data Return 10
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9 sibling groups became looked after during the reporting period.

Non-kinship placements (placed together)

- 5 sibling groups were accommodated in foster care with 3 of these sibling groups being placed in the independent agencies
- 1 sibling group of 2 children were accommodated in residential care together.

Kinship placements (placed together)

- 2 sibling groups accommodated together in kinship placement.

Kinship placements (placed separately)

- 1 sibling group were placement separately where one young person is in residential and the other remains at home. This decision was undertaken in line with the assessed need of child's best interests.

10.3.39	(a) During the period how many children or young people became a Looked After Child by age, gender and first placement.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Placement of new admissions to LAC		<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Residential	Statutory	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	2	1	0	5	5	10
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
	Private inc ECR's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Residential Total	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	2	0	7	5	12
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
	Kinship care	3	1	9	3	11	5	3	3	1	3	27	15	42
	Independent Providers	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
	Fostering Total	6	3	13	4	14	6	3	3	1	3	37	19	56
Placed at Home with Parents		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Placed for Adoption		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	2	8	4	12
Overall TOTAL		7	3	13	4	15	10	7	6	11	5	53	28	81

	(b) To your knowledge have any of the children admitted during the period been subject to a full Adoption Order	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Children Subject to a full Adoption Order	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 -15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	(c) Of those children at 10.3.39(a) admitted to care during the period how many have previously been on the Child Protection Register in the last 2 years from the period end date	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Children Previously on the Child Protection Register	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	7	1	10	1	7	3	0	1	0	0	24	6	30

	(d) Number of Children and Young People who became Looked After during the period had a CLA1 form completed and forwarded to School?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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CLA1 Form completed and forwarded to school	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
No of Children	0	0	0	0	15	10	7	6	0	0	22	16	38

	(e) Can you confirm that all the above admissions to care are properly recorded and do not include what should rightly be reported as a placement move (e.g. a fostering breakdown where the RESWS moves the child to a children’s home) Yes	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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All admissions to care were properly recorded.

10.3.40	(a) During the period how many children or young people became a Looked After Child by age, gender and legal status on admission;	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Legal status	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Art 21(1) Accommodated <16	2	2	6	2	6	6	3	1	0	0	17	11	28
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	11	4	15
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	2	0	4	2	5	1	4	2	0	0	15	5	20
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Art. 44 (5) Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 44 (6) Interim Secure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art. 50 (1) (a) Care Order	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	5	4	9
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	4
TOTAL	7	3	13	4	15	10	7	6	11	5	53	28	81

	(b) (i) Were these admissions planned, unplanned or emergency;	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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For each of the above totals how many of these were:-	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Planned	3	2	4	1	4	2	1	2	6	2	18	9	27
Unplanned	1	0	4	1	4	4	1	3	1	1	11	9	20
Emergency	3	1	5	2	7	4	5	1	4	2	24	10	34
Total	7	3	13	4	15	10	7	6	11	5	53	28	81

	(ii) Of those that were unplanned or emergency how many were admitted to kinship foster care?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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30 children were admitted to kinship foster care through an unplanned or emergency admission.

	(iii) Of those unplanned or emergency admissions how many were admitted by RESWS?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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0 unplanned or emergency admissions were admitted by RESWS.

10.3.41	During the period how many children or young people ceased to be Looked After by age, gender and length of time looked after at discharge	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Length of time Looked After prior to discharge	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under 2 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
6 weeks < 3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
3 Months < 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
6 Months < 1 Year	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	3	1	5	8	13
1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	5	7	12
2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	4	7
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	2	2	1	8	0	1	2	1	5	12	17
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	4	3	7
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	4	7
Total	0	1	6	6	4	17	3	5	15	13	28	42	70

10.3.42	(a) Of all the children and young people reported at 10.3.41 what was their destination at discharge by age and gender	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Destination	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Returned to Parents/Siblings	0	1	4	4	1	11	3	3	5	3	13	22	35
Returned to Relatives/friends	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	1	1	6	7
Adopted	0	0	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	4	5	9
Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)									4	2	4	2	6
Foster Carers (GEM)									1	5	1	5	6
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects									3	2	3	2	5
Bed + Breakfast									0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, Foyer									0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings									2	0	2	0	2
Prison, Hospital									0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	6	6	4	17	3	5	15	13	28	42	70

	(b) Of those 16+ year olds who ceased to be Looked After during the period what was their entitlement to Leaving Care Services by age and gender	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Category	16		17		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Number entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	0	15	13	15	13	28
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	15	13	15	13	28

10.3.44	(a) Please provide the total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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7 children that became subject of a Residence Order during this reporting period.

Placement	No. of Children
Stranger (Foster Carers)	0
Kinship (Foster Carers)	7
Residential Care	0
Other placement	0
Total	7

	(b) How many Residence Orders are in place at period end?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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161 Residence Orders are in place at period end.

10.3.45	Number of Children or Young People who died during the current reporting period and were Looked After by the Trust by cause/age	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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Cause	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16 - 17		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

10.4 CHILDREN (LEAVING CARE) ACT (NI) 2002

10.4.1	Number of young people subject to Leaving Care Act by category, age and gender	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Category	Male						Total	Female						Total	Total
	16	17	18	19	20	21 +	Male	16	17	18	19	20	21+	F emale	
Eligible	30	38					68	23	29					52	120
Relevant	0	0					0	0	0					0	0
Former Relevant			29	22	20	18	89			31	20	19	16	86	175
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Total	30	38	29	22	20	18	157	23	29	31	21	19	16	139	296

10.4.2	Of those eligible young people reported at 10.4.1 give the Children Order Legal Status at period end.	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	29	28	57
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	19	35	54
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	4	2	6
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	1	2	3
Total	53	67	120

10.4.6	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 (a) What are the social worker and personal adviser arrangements in place for each category of young people?	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Category	Named Social Worker only	Named Personal Adviser only	Named Social Worker and Personal Adviser	Awaiting allocation of a social worker	Awaiting allocation of a personal adviser
Eligible	30	0	90	0	30
Relevant	0	0	0	0	0
Former Relevant	30	95	23	0	27
Qualifying	0	0	1	0	0

	(b) Of the young people with a named personal adviser, how many have a Person Specific Personal Adviser?	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Category	Of the young people with a named Personal Adviser - how many have a person Specific Personal Adviser
Eligible	0
Relevant	0
Former Relevant	0
Qualifying	0

	(c) How many do not have an up to date Pathway Plan at period end?	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Category	No. without an Up to Date Pathway Plan
Eligible	0
Relevant	0
Former Relevant	21
Qualifying	0
Total	21

10.4.7	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many do not have a completed needs assessment and how long have they been waiting at period end?	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Category	No. Without a completed Needs Assessment	Time Waiting			
		<3 Months	3-6 Months	7-12 Months	<1 Year
Eligible	0	0	0	0	0
Relevant	0	0	0	0	0
Former Relevant	21	21	0	0	0
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0
Total	21	21	0	0	0

10.4.8	Summary of failure to comply as detailed in 10.4.6, 10.4.7 at period end.	Data Return 10
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10.4.6(a): 30 young people are awaiting allocation of a personal advisor, some of these young people have not yet transferred to the service and other delays are due to staff shortages. All young people continue to have an allocated social worker.

10.4.7: there are 21 pathway needs assessments that require review for former relevant young people, all are outstanding less than 3 months, due to ongoing staffing issues within the service.

10.4.9	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what are their living arrangements at period end? Please complete for (a) Eligible;	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Placement Type	16	17	Total
<i>Foster Placement (Stranger)</i>	14	16	30
<i>Foster Placement (Kinship)</i>	9	14	23
<i>At Home In Care</i>	4	5	9
<i>Residential Children's Home</i>	10	10	20
<i>Secure Care</i>	0	0	0
<i>Specialist Residential Placement (NI/UK)</i>	0	0	0
<i>Hospital</i>	1	0	1
<i>Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects</i>	2	4	6
Unregulated Placement	13	18	31
Other	0	0	0
Total	53	67	120

	(b) Relevant;	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Living Arrangements	16	17	Total
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	0	0	0
At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	0	0
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0
Relatives/friends	0	0	0
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings	0	0	0
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	0	0
Prison	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

	(c) Former Relevant; and	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Living Arrangements	18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	14	15	15	9	53
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	12	9	13	14	48
At Home with Parents/Siblings	7	3	2	1	13
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	8	2	0	1	11
Relatives/friends	8	3	3	3	17
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	5	6	4	4	19
Supported Board and Lodgings	1	0	0	0	1
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	5	3	2	2	12
Prison	0	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	42	39	34	175

	(d) Qualifying young people	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Living Arrangements	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc/Private)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At Home with Parents/Siblings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relatives/friends	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hostel, B+B, Foyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

10.4.10	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what is their current education, training and employment status, and how many are being supported financially at period end?' 10.4.10 (a) Eligible;	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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ETE Status	16	17	Total	No. Receiving financial support
Secondary Level Education	31	14	45	45
Further Education	12	25	37	37
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	6	15	21	21
Pre-Vocational	0	7	7	7
Employment	0	3	3	3
ETE Inactive	4	3	7	7
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Other(Sick/Disabled, Parent, Carer)	0	0	0	0
Total	53	67	120	120

	(b) Relevant;	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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ETE Status	16	17	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0
Further Education	0	0	0	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0
ETE Inactive	0	0	0	0
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

	(c) Former Relevant;	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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ETE Status	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	2	0	0	0	2	2
Further Education	20	16	4	4	44	44
Higher Education	9	6	4	4	23	23
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	14	13	8	12	47	47
Pre-Vocational	8	2	8	8	26	26
Employment	4	2	4	5	15	15
ETE Inactive	3	3	10	0	16	16
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	1	1	2	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	42	39	34	175	175

	(d) Qualifying young people	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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ETE Status	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Further Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higher Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-Vocational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ETE Inactive	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1

10.4.11	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many were convicted during this reporting period?	DSF16 S/Sheet
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Category	Convictions within last 12 months	Number of Care Leavers formally cautioned during the period	Number of Care Leavers formally remanded during the period	Number of Care Leavers formally convicted during the period
Eligible	Not Required	12	1	2
Relevant		0	0	0
Qualifying		0	0	0
Former Relevant		8	1	2
Total	0	20	2	4

10.4.12	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many have a disability by major disability – physical, sensory, learning, chronic illness, Autism (see definition) and other, type and gender at period end?’	DSF-16+ S/Sheet
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Type of Disability	Male	Female	Total
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	0	0	0
Sensory	0	0	0
Learning	11	4	15
Chronic illness	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/Asperger’s/ADHD	41	15	56
Other (undefined)	1	9	10
No Disability	104	111	215
Total	157	139	296

10.4.13	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what is their parental status at period end?’	DSF-16+ S/Sheet
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Parental Status	No of Young People
Parent	8
Lone Parent	6

10.4.14	‘Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many are receiving treatment for mental health issues at period end? Of these, how many were new referrals to mental health services during the period?’	DSF-16+ S/Sheet
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Mental Health Concerns	No. of Young People waiting for or receiving Mental Health interventions/services	Number of new referrals to mental health intervention/services during period (1.4.23 - 30.9.23).
Mental Health Concerns	55	22
Self Harm	36	22

10.4.15

Number of Young People who are no longer Looked After but who died during the current reporting period and were in receipt of aftercare services by cause/age.

DSF-16+
S/Sheet

Cause	16-17		18+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

10.5 FOSTERING

10.5.1	(a) How many foster carers are registered with the Trust at period end? How many of the carers above also provide a GEM placement? Of the carers above how many are Prospective adopters dually approved as foster carers? Of the Prospective Adopters/Dually Approved carers above how many are Concurrent Foster/Adoptive Carers?	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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Type of approval	No. of Carers	Non-Kinship (Respite only)	Non Kinship Short-term Only	Non-Kinship (Medium-Long term only)	Non-Kinship (Multi-approved)	Total
Foster Care (kinship) < 12 weeks not yet approved by panel	8					8
Foster Care (kinship) >12 wks but not panel approved by 16 wks	50					50
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	0					0
Panel Approved kinship carer	107					107
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)		39	54	33	24	150
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers)		8	1	6	3	18
Total	165	47	55	39	27	333

How many of the Carers above also provide a GEM Placement*	26					26*
Of the carers above how many are Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers	8					8
Of the Prospective Adopters/Dually Approved carers above how many are Concurrent Foster/Adoptive Carers	2					2

*The Trust de-registers foster carers who do not provide other placements. The service has 19 households de-registered and 9 children living with independent providers providing GEMs placements - therefore total 54 GEMs placements.

	(b) Please give the number of other foster carers;	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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Other Foster carers	No. of Carers
Independent Provider Foster Carers	77
Carers providing care only to children with a disability and who are not available to provide care for Looked After Children	0
Total	77

	(c) Please give a breakdown of the number of foster carers de-registered during the period and the reason;	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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No. of Foster Carers de-registered during the period*, by reason.	Kinship Carers	Non Kinship Carers	No. of Carers De-registered	Total no of places de-registered
Carer has adopted or been granted a residence order	6	9	15	21
No longer wishing to foster	0	10	10	11
Retired/phased out	6	6	12	18
Deregistered following concerns re: care of child/ren	0	0	0	0
De-registered by Trust following complaints/allegations	0	0	0	0
Opted to be GEM Carer Only	1	1	2	3
Total	13	26	39	53

	(d) Please advise of the recruitment process activity during the period;	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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Recruitment Process Activity during the period*		No. of Carers
Numbers receiving information packs	Kinship	62
	Non-Kinship	49
Number of Initial Home Visits	Kinship	53
	Non-Kinship	27
Numbers of Households attending Skills to Foster course	Kinship	0
	Non-Kinship	6
Number of Completed Assessments during the period	Kinship	15
	Non-Kinship	7
Number of these assessments that were already approved as Adopters.	Kinship	0
	Non-Kinship	3

	(e) Please give the number of regional enquirers received by the Trust	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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Enquiries forwarded from RAFS	No of Carers
Total No. of Regional Enquirers referred from the Regional Team(RAFS)	49
Number of RAFS enquirers Approved as foster carers within the reporting period*?	0
No. of enquiries progressed to assessment but have not yet to Panel within the reporting period?	2

10.5.2	For the foster carers return at 10.5.1 how many places are they registered for and the number of vacant places at period end. Please also provide the number of fostering households that have no child placed with them at period end.	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
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Type of approval	Total places	Vacant at period end	Fostering Households with no child placed at the period end
Foster Care (kinship) < 12 weeks not yet approved by panel	8	0	0
Foster Care (kinship) >12 wks but not panel approved by 16 wks	9	0	0
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	73	0	0
Panel Approved kinship carer'	141	4	4*
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)	121	18	11**
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers)	8	1	1***
Total	360	23	16****

*4 households awaiting de-registration child moved on

** 5 households waiting de-registration & 6 households taking a break for personal reasons

***1 household ongoing investigation

Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers

Total	9	3
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4 dual approved households with plans to place a child, 1 to deregister, 1 legal issues and 1 approved end September 2023. Total 7 households (9 places)

10.5.3	How many foster carers have annual reviews outstanding? Please provide the number of viability visits undertaken during the reporting period. (moved from 10.5.1f)	Data return 10
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There are **48** outstanding annual reviews.

Viability Visits	Joint Visits	Visits completed by Child's Social Worker	Visits Completed by Supervising Social Worker
Number of Visits	49	0	4

10.5.4	Please provide specific actions being taken by the Trust to ensure outstanding reviews are completed	Data return 10
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There are **48** annual reviews outstanding for the following reasons-

- **12** foster carers awaiting checks and/or medicals;
- **12** annual reviews have been delayed due to staff sickness and absence;
- **10** foster carers require deregistration;
- **6** annual reviews delayed as a result of allegations/investigations;
- **3** foster carers are taking a break from fostering for a range of reasons including personal and health-related;
- **2** annual reviews delayed due to complaints;
- **1** carer has recently sustained an injury and annual review has been postponed;
- **1** foster carer is on a post-adoption break;
- **1** delay due to recent placement disruption.

Annual reviews are tracked via internal processes. Outstanding annual reviews have been prioritised across the service and are highlighted on a monthly basis.

Additional staff have been employed on a temporary basis to cover for staff on sick and maternity leave.

Annual reviews and deregistration's are being prioritised by Fostering Panel.

10.5.5	What action is being taken to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care places	Data return 10
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The two recruitment & assessment fostering teams engage with the regional recruitment working group and continue to contribute towards the Recruitment Strategy and plan which aims to take a targeted approach to recruit non-kinship carers. This is in line with the recommendations of the Regional Fostering Review 2020.

In acknowledgement of the demands and needs for recruiting non-kinship carers the Trust created a part time post (0.5 wte) to work in partnership with the other Trusts, to coordinate activities/campaigns and develop new initiatives. Alongside this, the Trust has recruited a pool of experienced foster carers who are willing to assist with campaigns.

There has continued to be a blended approach to recruitment activities over the review period, with a mixture of face-to-face community events, as well as virtual information sessions/webinars. All events are promoted in advance on the Regional and Trust social media feeds and websites. Feedback is provided by staff regarding a number of enquiries/interactions with the public in order to guide future activity.

A diverse number of recruitment events have taken place within the reporting period including:

Community events for example:

- Tesco Information Stands
- Lisburn Mayor Carnival
- Leaflet and poster distribution

Regional events in partnership with other Trusts, for example:

- Pride week
- Mela Festival
- Belfast/Lisburn Marathons
- Balmoral Show

Developed new Initiatives using digital platforms for general and more targeted campaigns such child specific and children with disabilities via the following approaches:

- Myth busting podcast
- Webinars
- Community Digital Screens
- Video with Q & A with same sex foster carers

At the end of the reporting period there was a waiting list for kinship and non-kinship assessments to be completed – this has been due to two interrelating factors:

1. Staff turnover and on-going vacancies
2. Continued increasing number of kinship assessments

In response to waiting list needs, the Trust now has in place a plan to roll out assessment training across all of fostering teams, which will be implemented within the next reporting period. This will allow for flexibility of staff within the service (when required) to respond to assessment demands in a timelier fashion to manage the waiting list needs.

10.5 PRIVATE FOSTERING The Children Order (NI) 1995 - Part X		
10.5.6	What steps has the Trust taken to encourage notifications?	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
There is an on-going regional need to promote and raise awareness of private fostering as there is a lack of notifications received. This is an issue for all Trusts despite leaflets being distributed.		
10.5.7	How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 30th September?	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		0
10.5.8	How many Private Fostering notifications under Article 106 has the Trust received during the period?	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		0
10.5.9	Please provide DOB and Date notification was received in respect of each child/young person reported at 10.5.8	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		N/A
10.5.10	Of the notifications received (10.5.8) how many has the Trust accepted?	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		N/A
10.5.11	Of those notifications not accepted please summarise reasons and action taken by the Trust	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		N/A
10.5.12	Number of appeals made during the year under Article 113	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		0
10.5.13	Are supervisory visits undertaken in accordance with Regulation 3(1)(a) and (b) as a minimum to children privately fostered? Please provide details of any circumstances where the Regulation has not been adhered to.	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		N/A
Notifications under Regulation 4 of the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations (NI) 1996		
10.5.14	How many notifications has the Trust received in respect of children being adopted from abroad i.e. Intercountry Adoption within the period.	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		0
	Please specify the child's DOB and the date the Trust received each notification	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet
		N/A

**10.6 Adoption (NI) Order 1987
Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act (NI) 2001**

10.6.1

(a) Number of enquiries, by type, received by the Trust and what prompted their initial approach?

DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet

Source of Enquires	Domestic	Inter-Country
Central Regional Team (e.g. Website)	29	0
Newspaper advertisement	0	0
Radio advertisement	0	0
Word of mouth	1	0
Trust Website	0	0
Specific local campaign	0	0
Total	30	0

(b) Please provide the waiting time from initial inquiry to commencement of training

DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet

Time waiting	Domestic	Inter-Country
Less than 1 month	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0
More than 6 month less than 12 months	4	0
1 year or more	14	0
Total	18	0

10.6.2	Number of domestic applications for assessment received by the Trust by civil status of applicant	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Household type	No.
Single carer	0
Cohabiting heterosexual couple (where this is a joint application)	0
Cohabiting same sex couple (where this is a joint application)	3
Married	6
Total	9

10.6.3	Number of Prospective Domestic Adopters awaiting assessment at period end, length of time waiting, and reason waiting	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Time waiting	Reason waiting				Total
	No Social Worker Available to commence assessment	Unlikely that child waiting at this time fits their criteria	Applicant not ready to proceed	Other (please specify below)	
Less than 1 month	0	0	0	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0	0	0	0
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	0	0	0
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	0	0	0
1 year or more	3	0	0	0	3
Total	3	0	0	0	3

10.6.6	Of all adoption assessments (both domestic and inter country) completed during the period please give details of the outcomes	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Outcome of assessment	No. of Domestic Assessments
Counselled out in Assessment Process	0
Went to Panel and Refused	0
Households approved as Adoptive carers	0
Households approved as Dual carers/Concurrent Carers	6
Households where previous Foster Carers have been approved as Adoptive carers for their LAC	4
Total	10

10.6.7	Number of looked after children freed for adoption and not yet placed with their prospective adopters as at 30th September; and duration of wait since freeing order as granted	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Length of time awaiting placement form the granting of the Freeing Order	<1		1-4		5-9		10-15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Less than 1 month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 year or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

10.6.8	(a) Activity under the Adoption (NI) Order 1987 during the period; Of the number above please give the number who were adopted in a Hague designated country and therefore not through the Courts in NI and have had their Article 23 reports completed in the time period; Please provide the number of Freeing Orders made during the reporting period;	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Type of Order	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10-15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Adoption Orders Article 12 (1)														
Previously Looked After* <i>See note below</i>	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Step Parent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Inter-country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	3

Inter-country Adoptions in a (Hague Designated Country)	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10-15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Of the number above how many <u>were adopted in</u> a Hague designated country and therefore not through the courts in NI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Freeing Orders Art 17 and Art 18	<1		1 - 2		2 - 4		5 - 9		10-15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Freeing Order - Art 17 with agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freeing Orders - Art 18 (1) without agreement	0	0	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4
Court Applications for Freeing Orders <i>not granted</i> during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	(b) Of those children who were adopted this period please give the length of time from becoming looked after (last episode) to going to live with the family who went on to adopt them.	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Length of Time	0-<6 Months	6months - <1 year	1-<2 years	2-<3 years	3-<5 years	5+ years	Total
No. of Children	0	0	0	4	1	0	5

10.6.9	Please provide the number of children who, at period end, had received a best interest decision for adoption and had not been placed with approved adopters (either adopters, dual approved carers including concurrent carers) and the duration of that wait	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Children who have received a best interest decision and have not been placed with approved adopter.	<1		1 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Less than 1 month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
1 year or more	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5

10.6.10	How many children are in receipt of an Adoption Allowance at 30th September and how many households is this?	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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Adoption Allowances	<1		1 - 2		3 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 15		16+ years		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
No. of Adoption Allowances paid in respect of children at 30 September 2023.	0	0	1	0	8	3	19	16	19	20	14	5	61	44

How many households receive adoption allowance at period end?

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10.6.11	Of the number at 10.6.10 how many commenced during the period and how many households is this?	DSF-Adoption Spreadsheet
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	<1		1-2		3-4		5-9		10-15		16+ years		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
No. of Adoption allowances reported above, that commenced during the period?	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0

How many households/families is this?

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10.6.12	Details of recruitment, assessment, training, support for prospective adopters	Data Return 10
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In this reporting period there was one preparation to adopt course held in May 2023 attended by 18 people (9 couples). All have formally applied to be assessed to adopt on successful completion of their preliminary checks.

Approved adopters have also linked into webinars and numerous courses including additional training offered by the Trust fostering service, Beacon House and Adoption UK on subjects such as building your network, childhood trauma, foetal alcohol, caring for siblings and Core skills to foster.

A profiling event on a number of harder to place children was held in August 2023. 51 people in the preapproval stages attended. 60% of the children have now had potential placements identified and adoption assessment are underway.

10 adoption assessments were completed and recommended for approval at panel. 4 of these were child specific assessments of current foster carers. The other 6 were approved as prospective parents. An additional 11 assessments remain ongoing and will be presented to the adoption panel on conclusion of assessment. 3 of these 11 are child specific assessments.

Approved adopters awaiting placement are reviewed every 6 months, as adopters and annually as foster carers. The adoption team are also responsible for the assessment of step-parent adoption applicants. 1 step-parent adoption order was granted in this period.

At period end the team are currently supporting and reviewing 1 set of intercountry adopters and working towards matching and placement with 1 other set. 1 further family are still in receipt of support from the team as they are pre-adoption order. Periodic reports are prepared and submitted to the country of origin.

In this reporting period the adoption team provided support to 23 sets of adopters with children placed in their care. 7 further approved adopters have received support in the linking phase post approval.

Tracing enquiries have continued to be received into the adoption team on average 3 new referrals a month. Adult Tracing is a consistent area of work delivered by the adoption team.

10.6.13	Details of Post Adoption Support - this section should include data in respect of the number of and action taken in respect of placement breakdowns both pre (i.e. where adoption is the Care Plan) and post Adoption Order	Data Return 10
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During the reporting period 39 families were supported by the permanence and post adoption team. These families accessed direct social work and or psychological support from the post adoption service.

Over this period the Trust facilitated an average of 64 direct contacts and 23 indirect contacts.

The Trust ran a number of programmes for the adoptive families within the Trust area over the reporting period. This included a 4-week Forest school attended by 9 families and 11 children.

A parent reflected "I really loved the forest school, it had a great set up and was well run. The boys enjoyed all the activities and the opportunity to meet all the other kids. As a parent I thought it was the perfect setting to chat to other people with similar circumstances and I personally got a lot from it. Would definitely love to do it again if given the opportunity"

A horse riding camp was run over 4 weekends for primary school and secondary school aged children. This was very well received and 17 families, involving 19 children attending. Relax Kids ran a three-day course which was accessed by 14 primary school aged children and their parents and an adoptive family fun day was held and was attended by 16 families.

The Trust has continued to be creative in its response to the adoptive families during this period providing in both person and online learning and support.

Families have continued to be supported by the social workers who were accompanied when required by the lead clinical psychologist for the service.

Counselling sessions with a freelance post adoption counsellor have been offered to 12 adoptive families during this period.

Social workers trained in Theraplay and DDP are available within the permanence and post adoption teams to provide direct assistance with the children and their carers within their adoptive placements. Due to the support offered to the adoptive families, there were no adoptive breakdowns in this reporting period.

10.7 EARLY YEARS

10.7.1	Please provide the current early years provision / places, registrations and de-registrations Include Number of Approved Home Child Carers	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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Sector	Current Provision		Registrations/Deregistrations/Voluntary Ceased		
	Total Number of Services	Number of Places	Number New Registrations During period	De-registrations	
				Number Deregistered by the Trust during period	No Voluntary Ceased during the period
Day Nursery	65	3060	2	0	1
Out of School within Day Nursery	48	1496			
Total Day Nursery Places		4556			
Crèche	2	47	0	0	0
Playgroup	68	2604	0	0	1
Stand-Alone Out of School	44	1486	1	0	1
Childminder	425	2553	12	0	29
Approved Home Child Carers	33	0	4	0	26
Holiday Scheme	1	80	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	11	132	0	0	0
Total	697	11458	19	0	58

10.7.2	Registration issues and commentary as at period end <i>(If any challenges or issues please provide a brief analysis)</i>	Data Return 10
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10.7.1
A significant number of Approved Home Child Carers have closed in this period. The majority had not renewed in the last year but had not made contact with the Trust about this.

The number of childminders continues to decline, with more leaving the role than applying.

10.7.3

At the end of this reporting period there were 48 overdue inspections, 38 of which are overdue by 0 -3 months. Staff sickness has caused these delays and it is anticipated that all overdue inspections will be completed before the end of the inspection cycle.

10.7.4

Some delays in allocating new applications were due to sick leave, however, the longer delays have been caused by the applicant's failure to return paperwork or availability of training courses.

10.7.3	Total number of annual Inspections required, number carried out, number outstanding and time outstanding as at 30th September	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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Full years Data				
Sector	Number <u>Requiring Inspection</u> during the period (1.4.23 - 30.9.23)	Number of <u>Inspections carried out</u> during the period (1.4.23 - 30.9.23)	Number of the inspections carried out <u>remotely only (subset of the number of inspections carried out) (1.4.23 - 30.9.23)</u>	Total <u>Inspections still to be completed this year (as at 30.9.23)</u>
Day Nursery	49	44	0	5
Crèche	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	23	21	0	2
Out of School	24	20	0	4
Childminder	194	158	0	36
Holiday Scheme	1	0	0	1
Two year old Prog.	4	4	0	0
Total	295	247	0	48

No. of Overdue Inspections i.e. haven't been inspected in the last year at 30.9.23	Time Outstanding								
	0 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7 - 9 months	10 - 12 months	13 - 18 months	19 - 24 months	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	5 yrs +
5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	29	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	38	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

The majority of overdue inspections are in the 0-3 month period, this is primarily due to sick leave in the teams combined with summer leave in this period and there is some knock on effect of strike action on the teams workload.

1 playgroup was delayed due to staffing issues which led to temporary closure in June.

2 childminders overdue 7-9 months have delayed due to a combination of personal circumstances on the part of the childminder and sick leave in the team.

10.7.4	Number of outstanding applications for each of the above categories as at 30th September?	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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Sector	No. of Applications not Allocated	Length of Time Unallocated from receipt of Application				
		0 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7 - 9 months	10 - 12 months	12+ months
Day Nursery	1	1	0	0	0	0
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childminder	11	9	2	0	0	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12	10	2	0	0	0

4 - 6 months - 1 delay due to ANI for partner being processed. 1 delay due to training in receiving training certs.

10.7.5	Number of current applications being assessed at period end and duration of assessment.	DSF-Early Years Spreadsheet
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Sector	Number in Progress	Length of Time that applications have been in progress				
		0 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7 - 9 months	10 - 12 months	12+ months
Day Nursery	1	0	0	1	0	0
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	1	0	1	0	0	0
Out of School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childminder	11	4	7	0	0	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Prog.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	4	8	1	0	0

Any delays in applications have been as a result of the applicant themselves with regards to returning paperwork or progressing registration requirements.

10.8 Complaints & Representation		
10.8.1	Does the Trust have an appropriately authorised and experienced children’s complaints officer? Yes	Data Return 10
<p>The Trust has a complaints manager who undertakes the role of the designated complaints officer under the Children’s Order complaints procedure, with expert advice from a sector manager (social work lead) for safeguarding children.</p>		
10.8.2	Does the Trust have an independent advocacy service for children and their families? Yes	Data Return 10
<p>The Trust has developed a contract with Voice of Young People in Care (VOYPIC) to provide an independent advocacy service to children who are looked after by the Trust. Other independent advocacy services are provided by the Law Centre, the Children’s Law Centre and the NI Commission for Children and Young People.</p> <p>Within the Regional Secure Care Centre, NIACRO provide an independent representation service directly to the young people.</p>		
10.8.3	Please confirm arrangements are in place to ensure that all complaints – both formal and informal – from children and their families are recorded and dealt with?	Data Return 10
<p>The Trust has a comprehensive complaints procedure for all complaints, which is available and accessible for children and their families. Information leaflets on how to make a complaint or representation under the Children’s Order requirements is provided for children and families.</p> <p>Children and families receive information on how to make complaints about the services they receive. All complaints are referred to the Trust’s Complaints department who record and monitor themes, trends, issues and timescales of responsibilities to complaints.</p> <p>A lessons learned group has been established which reviews complaints and identifies improvement plans from issues arising. This is a sub group of the Children’s Governance Committee. It is constituted from senior managers, principal practitioners, social care governance and learning, development and research staff.</p> <p>The Children’s Lessons Learned Group is well established and continues to review complaints, identifies improvement plans and shares learning from issues arising. This is a sub group of the Children’s Governance Committee. It is constituted from senior managers, principal practitioners, social care governance and learning, development & research staff.</p>		
10.8.4	Please confirm whistle-blowing arrangements are in place to ensure that concerns raised by staff working in children’s services are recorded and dealt with?	Data Return 10
<p>The Trust has a whistle blowing policy, which outlines how staff can raise concerns.</p>		