

DIRECTED STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

INTERIM CORPORATE PARENTING REPORT

1st April – 30th September 2024

**SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH &
SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

Draft Version
(Awaiting approval from Trust Board)

Children (NI) Order 1995

10.1 CHILDREN IN NEED

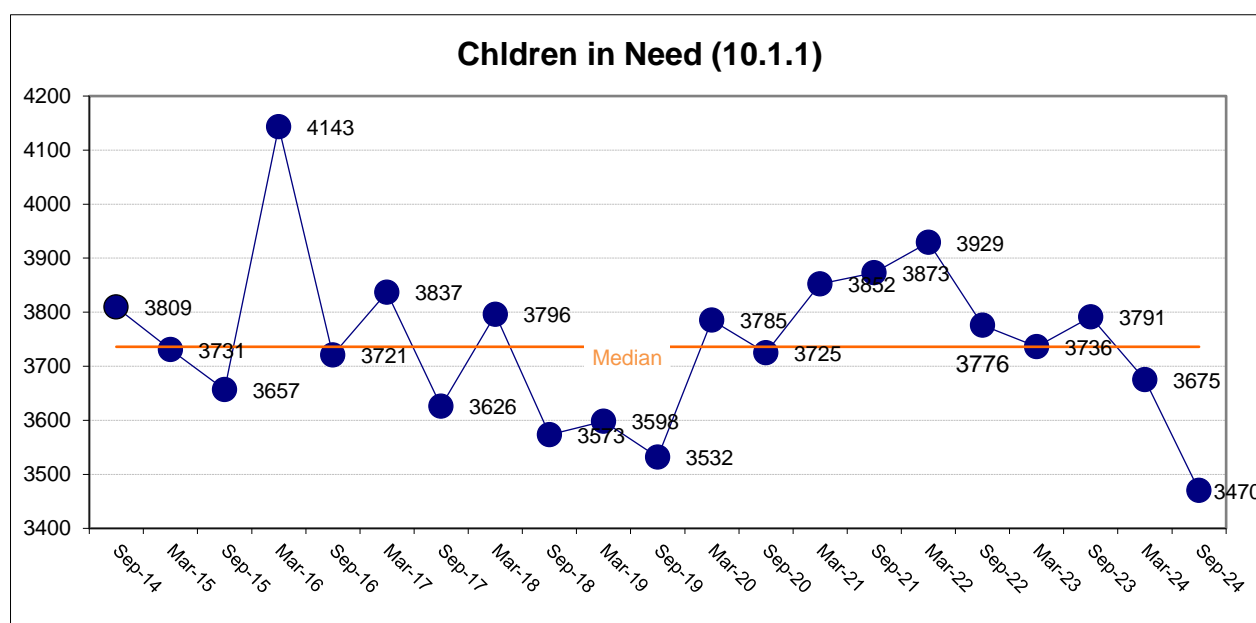
10.1.1	How many Children in Need are there in your area as at 30th September? (exclude children on the caseloads of statutory mental health services)	DSF -Children In Need Spreadsheet
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	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Children	46	53	291	271	814	666	498	380	238	213	1887	1583
TOTAL	46	53	291	271	814	666	498	380	238	213	1887	1583

Trend analysis and commentary (Trusts must clarify how they arrive at this total figure, and reference any likelihood of double or under representation)

Data Return 10

There are **3470** children in need known to the Trust; this has decreased by **205** since the last reporting period. The chart below shows that while this is the lowest number of children in need known to the Trust in the last decade, this reduction remains within the normal range and can be attributed to common cause variation.



10.1.2	Ethnic Origin of Children in Need.	DSF -Children In Need Spreadsheet
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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	36	41	193	166	522	406	369	267	168	154	1288	1034	2322
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Irish Traveller	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	1	2	4	8	12
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	3
Indian	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
Pakistani	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	5
Black Caribbean	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Black African	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	10	3	15	3	18
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	1	0	7	15	9	6	4	4	2	25	23	48
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	1	1	3	7	3	3	7	1	14	12	26
Not Stated	9	11	93	95	269	236	114	100	48	50	533	492	1025
TOTAL	46	53	291	271	814	666	498	380	238	213	1887	1583	3470

10.1.3		Religion of Children in Need.										DSF -Children In Need Spreadsheet	
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	13	17	70	52	181	141	127	101	74	59	465	370	835
Presbyterian	2	6	23	22	59	58	44	43	25	23	153	152	305
Church of Ireland	0	0	13	4	24	15	35	23	12	16	84	58	142
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	3	1	2	6	5	11
Methodist	0	0	0	0	5	3	4	4	0	2	9	9	18
Other Christian	8	9	33	24	74	81	65	44	22	22	202	180	382
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	2	2	3	6	3	2	19	3	27	13	40
Other	0	1	4	6	13	14	7	6	5	2	29	29	58
Not Known	16	13	114	123	381	292	177	125	66	71	754	624	1378
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	7	7	32	38	70	56	34	28	14	13	157	142	299
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	46	53	291	271	814	666	498	380	238	213	1887	1583	3470

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
Referrals closed and awaiting input	<i>Unable to gather this information</i>					1448
Referrals allocated and recorded on SOS CARE	95	292	544	322	137	1390
Total number of Children Referred						2838

The Trust received **2838** referrals in this reporting period.

1390 children have been opened to a social worker for assessment/ allocation, while 1448 cases have been opened then closed and are awaiting input onto the SOS CARE system. Additional admin staff have been utilised and are working through a corrective action plan to address the backlog of referrals.

	(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	1138
Social Worker	143
Out of Hrs Co-ord	61
Relative	65
Teacher	170
Anonymous	65
Hospital Social Worker	28
GP	131
Hospital Nurse	333
Health Visitor	76
Court	9
Probation Officer	111
Vol. Organisation	1
Self	47
Community Psych. Nurse	31

	N.S.P.C.C	21
	NIHE	1
	Comm. Mental H/C Nurse	82
	Educ Welfare Officer	2
	Others	323
	Total	2838

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	9	8	16	16	10	7	9	2	45	33	78
Sensory	0	0	6	5	15	17	2	4	3	0	26	26	52
Learning	0	1	11	8	189	84	140	63	66	33	406	189	595
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's	0	0	0	0	72	36	76	34	34	19	182	89	271
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (With Disability)	1	1	26	21	292	153	228	108	112	54	559	337	996
No Disability	45	52	265	250	522	513	270	272	126	159	228	1246	2474
Grand Total	46	53	291	271	814	666	498	380	238	213			3470

There are 996 children with disabilities, a decrease of 102 from the last reporting period.

Staff vacancy rates have remained high across Children's Disability service in this reporting period, sitting at 47% at the end of September. This is having a direct impact on the provision for children with disabilities seen in the high number of unallocated cases, standing at 538 at the end of this 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	2	0	2	0	2	0
Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning disability	0	0	0	0	15	5	15	5	13	5
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism (ASD)/ADHD/Asperger's	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	18	7	18	7	15	5

All children who are eligible for a transition plan were offered one in this reporting period.

10.1.10	How many of the Children in Need are Young Carers?	Data Return 10														
<p>60 children in need are young carers.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Period 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Total Number of Service Users</td><td>73</td></tr><tr><td>Level 1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Level 2</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Level 3</td><td>70</td></tr><tr><td>Level 4</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment Stage</td><td>4 awaiting assessment</td></tr></table>				Period 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024	Total Number of Service Users	73	Level 1	1	Level 2	0	Level 3	70	Level 4	2	Assessment Stage	4 awaiting assessment
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10.1.11	How many young people aged 16 and 17 years presented to the Trust as homeless?	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet														
<p>This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children’s services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.</p>																

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?	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet																				
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10.1.13	Trust usage of Family Centre Places for interventions.	DSF-Children In Need Spreadsheet
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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	Stat	Family Support	0	0	0	0
		Child Protection	0	0	0	0
		Looked After	49	3 - 5 weeks	71 - 78 weeks	4
Colin Family Centre	Stat	Family Support	0	N/A	N/A	0
		Child Protection	18	7	10	12
		Looked After	11	6	12	18
Knocknashinna	Stat	Family Support	0	N/A	N/A	0
		Child Protection	4	7	10	0
		Looked After	12	5	12	7
Simpson Family Resource Centre	Vol	Family Support	5	0-6 weeks	12-20 weeks	1
		Child Protection	14	0-6 weeks	12-20 weeks	1
		Looked After	15	0-6 weeks	12-20 weeks	1

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	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	8
Art. 57 (1) Interim Supervision Order	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	2	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
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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

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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
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Duration		Age Groups					
		Under one Year	1 - 4	5 - 11	12 -15	16+	TOTAL
1	less than 3 months	10	13	23	11	2	59
2	3 months < 6 months	5	17	28	13	4	67
3	6 months < 1 year	12	32	53	17	5	119
4	1 year < 2 years	0	21	43	13	7	84
5	2 years < 3 years		5	3	2	0	10
6	3 years or more		2	6	2	2	12
	TOTAL	27	90	156	58	20	351

69% of the children have been on the child protection register for under 1 year. 3% of children have been on the register for over 3 years.

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	4	4	16	16	29	23	19	14			68	57	125
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+									26	17	26	17	43
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	1	0	13	12	14	18	12	5	0	0	40	35	75
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21									15	6	15	6	21
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	2	15	10	80	42	63	51	27	32	185	137	322
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	13	11	18	20	17	25	8	11	7	4	63	71	134
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	10	7	6	1	0	2	4	0	20	10	30
TOTAL	18	17	73	65	146	109	102	84	79	60	418	335	753

Other: Art 17 Freeing Order (19); Other route to care (10); Art 44 MHO (1)

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	7	6	29	15	40	33	33	31	25	18	134	103	237
Presbyterian	1	1	10	13	25	27	17	22	14	10	67	73	140
Church of Ireland	0	0	5	1	11	5	18	10	5	10	39	26	65
Church of England	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	5	2	7
Methodist	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	3	4	7
Other Christian	6	8	18	10	22	25	16	10	7	9	69	62	131
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muslim	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	17	3	20	3	23
Other	0	1	3	2	5	4	3	1	2	3	13	11	24
Not Known	0	0	0	6	1	2	0	1	2	0	3	9	12
Not Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
None	4	1	8	18	34	11	11	7	7	4	64	41	105
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	18	17	73	65	146	109	102	84	79	60	418	335	753

Ethnicity	<1		1 - 4		5 - 11		12 - 15		16+		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
White	17	17	72	60	141	104	95	78	54	52	379	311	690
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish Traveller	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
Roma Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	3
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	0	0	2	0	11	6	13	6	19
Black Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Mixed Ethnic Group	0	0	0	4	4	3	2	1	2	1	8	9	17
Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	0	9	1	10
Not Stated	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	0	6	4	10
TOTAL	18	17	73	65	146	109	102	84	79	60	418	335	753

10.3.3		Number of Looked After Children (as at 10.3.1) by type of placement at 30th September.										DSF – LAC Spreadsheet		
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	0	8	12	6	6	18	18	36
	Voluntary	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	2	4	1	10	3	13
	Private	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	5
	ECR	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	9	0	14	14	10	7	33	21	54
Fostering	Foster Carers excluding relatives [Stranger]	10	5	12	11	18	10	20	19	11	8	71	53	124
Kinship Care	Kinship Care In Kinship Placement less than 12 weeks	1	2	6	7	6	5	7	3	3	1	23	18	41
	Kinship Care (Friends/relatives)	0	0	15	15	36	36	17	15	9	10	77	76	153
	Unregulated (In Placement >12 weeks and not yet approved)	3	3	13	13	30	28	22	12	11	5	79	61	140
	Independent Providers	3	7	13	9	34	23	13	13	4	4	67	56	123
	Fostering Total	17	17	59	55	124	102	79	62	38	28	317	264	581
Placed at Home with Parents		1	0	6	3	7	7	9	7	5	14	28	31	59
Placed for Adoption (LAC Children, with a Care Order, placed with Adoptive Parents)		0	0	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	7	18
Other Placements	Jointly Supported Accommodation Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Juvenile Justice Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	16	4	20
	Tenancy Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Unregulated Be-Spoke Arrangement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	10	7	13	8	21
Overall TOTAL		18	17	73	65	146	109	102	84	79	60	418	335	753

There has been an increase in the number of children who are looked after by the Trust (65) in this reporting period with the majority of these young people looked after in kinship arrangements.

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	6	6	9	12	9	7	7	5	8	1	39	31	70
3 months to <1 year	12	11	12	7	17	17	10	9	22	5	73	49	122
1 year <3 years	0	0	44	32	44	33	19	11	16	15	123	91	214
3 years <5 years	0	0	8	14	28	23	13	13	3	9	52	59	111
5 years <10 years	0	0	0	0	45	29	34	34	20	19	99	82	181
10+ years	0	0	0	0	3	0	19	12	10	11	32	23	55
Total	18	17	73	65	146	109	102	84	79	60	418	335	753

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	2	9	25	0	0	0	2	9	25
Forest Lodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	43	80	3	22	51	8	65	131
Lindsay House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenhill YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	24	26	40	68	5	15	30	43	69	122
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	24	33	92	173	8	37	81	53	143	278

Short break provision has remained at a reduced level, during this reporting period providing 278 overnight stays for 143 young people.

- Staff vacancy rates reduced Greenhill's provision
- Lindsay House continues to provide short-term care
- Beechfield and Glenmore are fully utilised providing long-term care
- LynC Outreach Service achieved permanency and continues to provide vital support to 18 high-risk children; 5 of these on the edge of care admission and all continue to be maintained in their homes.

10.3.6	Number of children accommodated for 3 months or more in a hospital.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet																	
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	Under 16	16+																	
Cygnet Health, Bury	0	1	1	0															
Total	0	1	1	0															
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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	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	
Name of Residential Unit	Statutory	Voluntary	Private	No of Beds	No of Beds available to Trust	Trust % occupancy 1.4.24-30.9.24	No of Respite beds	Respite % occupancy
Ardmore	x			2	2	100%	0	0
Ashgrove	x			6	6	94%	0	0
Cuan Court	x			8	8	71%	0	0
Flaxfield	x			8	8	65%	0	0
Marmion	x			8	8	50%	0	0
Oaklands	x			6	6	83%	0	0
William street	x			8	8	65%	0	0
Safe Places			x	2	1	100%	0	0
BCM Bangor		x		5	5	100%	0	0
BCM Grampian		x		2	1	100%	0	0
BCM Riverside		x		2	1	100%	0	0
Barnards Haywood		x		2	1	100%	0	0
Barnardos Annadale		x		2	2	100%	0	0
MACS Downpatrick		x		3	3	100%	0	0
MACS Lisburn		x		4	4	100%	0	0
MACS Belfast		x		18	2	83%	0	0
Glenmore Cottage	x			4	4	96%	0	0
Beechfield Short to Medium	x			4	5	125%	0	0
Lindsay House short term care	x			2	2	100%	0	0
Facilities providing Short Breaks for Children with a Disability								
Lindsay House short breaks	x			8	0	0%	8	0
Greenhill YMCA	x			0	0	0%	2	100%
Forest Lodge Short Breaks	x			8	1	100%	8	100%
Somerton Road	x			6	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

321

Number of Approved Places offered

357

NB * 48 approved carers are Short Breaks only, these places are not counted in 'Number of Approved Places Offer' figure.

Therefore 273 households are looking after 357 children and young people.

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	8	13	2	2	3	1	3	27	16
Number who moved twice	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Number who moved 3 times	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Number who moved 4 times or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	8	13	2	3	3	1	3	31	16

47 children experienced placement moves during the reporting period, an increase of 5. The Trust continues to monitor all placements moves to ensure the safe and effective care of children and young people during crisis.

43 children moved placement once during this reporting period. 3 children had 2 placements moves. 1 child moved placements 3 times.

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
The Belfast Trust have advised that with the move to Encompass, this information that was previously recorded on PARIS is no longer available.		
	(b) How many Looked After Children have been referred for therapeutic services and their waiting time?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet

Referrals	Foster Care (non	Kinship Foster Care	Residential Care	Young People Exiting Care	Post Adoption Support	TOTAL
Total Number of Referrals received this period	30	11	4	0	4	49
Source of these referrals received from						
Child's Social Worker	30	11	4	0	4	49
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	22	8	4	0	4	38
Number of Referrals deemed inappropriate	8	3	0	0	0	11
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	80	15	39	0	20	154
Number of children seen on a once off basis during the period	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children discharged from Service during the period	20	3	11	0	0	34
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 Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Other Post Adoption Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children engaged with the Service at period end date	82	20	32	0	24	158

Service delivery during the period	
Number of Reviews undertaken	910
Average waiting time for service (weeks)	3 - 5 weeks
Number on waiting list at end of period	4
Numbers of DNAs during the period	11
Number of individual sessions cancelled by the Service during the period	13
For those children discharged from the Service during the period what was the average length of involvement (weeks)	71 - 78 weeks
TOTAL	921

Consultations provided by the Service during the period		
	Number	Number which were repeat
Social worker	467	433
CAMHS	13	4
DAMS	0	0
Teacher	9	3
Psychiatry	0	0
G.P.	0	0
Carers/adoptive parents	297	214
One off'	0	0
Children/ Young People	124	93

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

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With the exception of Residential referrals that follow a separate pathway of automatic allocation to a clinician, all other referrals are triaged by either the Service Manager, Consultant Lead or Clinical Lead for Fostering in order to allocate effectively and reduce delay. The service may also signpost to other services where appropriate and offer consultation on occasion for non-referred children.

The average waiting time for an appointment during this review period is 3-5 weeks and there have been no breaches to our waiting times (PFA target is 13 weeks for Psychological Therapies). The service aims to offer a consultation within 6 weeks, and where this is not possible, the referrer is notified. All referrals on the waiting list as of 30th September 2024 have been offered an appointment.

10.3.12 How many Looked After Children are Disabled by major category at period end?

DSF – LAC
Spreadsheet

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	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3
Sensory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning	0	0	0	0	11	2	11	12	8	4	30	18	48
Chronic illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/ Asperger's/ADHD	0	0	0	1	16	12	24	13	15	7	55	33	88
Other (undefined)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Children With Disability	0	0	1	1	27	14	36	25	24	11	88	51	139
No Disability known	18	17	72	64	119	95	66	59	55	49	330	284	614
Total Looked After Children	18	17	73	65	146	109	102	84	79	60	418	335	753

10.3.13	How many Looked After Children have a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) by school status at period end?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children's services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.		
10.3.14	(a) Has each Looked After Child an allocated named social worker at period end? No	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
No, not all children looked after by the Trust had an allocated social worker during this reporting period.		
	(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>44 children who are looked after do not have an allocated social worker.</p> <p>All cases have been risk assessed. All the young people are in settled, long-term placements and continue to receive statutory visits and reviews.</p> <p>The Trust has robust assurance systems in place ensuring monitoring and review of these cases on a monthly basis.</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?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children's services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.		
	(b) If no, give number of children and provide an update in the service summary on current position and actions taken.	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children's services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.		

10.3.16	No. of Looked After Children Reviews held during the period	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children's services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.		
10.3.17	Was the case of each Looked After Child reviewed in line with Statutory requirements?	Data Return 10
This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children's services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.		
10.3.20	Is there an adequate supply of placements for children to enable placement choice? No	Data Return 10
<p>No, an inadequate supply of placements within the Trust necessitates the continued use of independent providers (85 households) to support 123 children who are cared for by the Trust, placing 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 issues, and potential placements through the tracking of fosters carers being approved by panel against those children requiring fostering placements.</p> <p>During this reporting period 39 children were 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
4 exceptions were granted in this reporting period, to allow children to be placed on an emergency short breaks placement.		

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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39 children deemed to be in an inappropriate placement given their assessed needs.

- **19** children in residential care required foster placements;
- **8** children accommodated in an unregulated kinship placement required foster placement;
- **6** children in other arrangements require foster placements;
- **4** children with parents/family required foster placements;
- **2** children in short term/bridging placement required long term 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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ARDMORE		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	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	0	0	0	1	0	1

How many individual children does this return refer	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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ASHGROVE		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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	0
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BEECHFIELD		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)		19	0	0	0	0	0	19	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		19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
How many individual children does this return refer to		2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

CUAN COURT		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
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	3	0	0	0	3
How many individual children does this return refer to		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

FLAXFIELD		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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

GLENMORE COTAGE		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	8	1	1	0	9	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	8	1	1	0	9	1

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1
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GREENHILL YMCA		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)		1	0	3	0	0	0	4	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		1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
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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)		0	0	0	0	6	0	6	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	6	0	6	0

How many individual children does this return refer to	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
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OAKLANDS		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
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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MARMION		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
To prevent injury (to self/staff/other young person)	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	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	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	

How many individual children does this return refer to	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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WILLIAM STREET		Primary		Secondary		16+		Total	
Reason for Use of Restraint	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
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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10.3.25	Do all looked after children have a concurrent plan by the time of their first 3 month statutory LAC Review? No	Data Return 10
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No, however, all children have a twin-track care plan by 6 months if rehabilitation to birth parents has not been ruled out.

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	2	2	15	7	29	20	21	20	16	15	83	64	147
Return to Kinship Carers outside LAC system (Friend/Relative/Family Placement)	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	2	0	0	7	5	12
Adoption	2	2	11	12	4	3	0	0	0	0	17	17	34
Long term Fostering (Including Kinship)	0	0	32	31	92	66	65	47	23	22	212	166	378
Supported Living/Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6	21	6	27
Other	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	13	13	15	26	28	54
Total	4	4	58	50	131	92	100	82	73	58	366	286	652

Number of children not included above as they have been in care for less than 9 months	14	13	15	15	15	17	2	2	6	2	52	49	101
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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	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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This data is not available during this reporting period due to action short of strike within children's services across the Trust and the resultant non-completion of statistical returns.

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	0	0	1	4	1	4
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	7
Other	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Total	0	0	0	0	3	13	3	13

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		0		1		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	1	20	3	7	4	27
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	3
Child At Risk	0	0	2	14	2	11	4	25
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	2	3	2	4	4	7
Assault within Placement	0	0	2	5	2	6	4	11
Other	0	0	2	3	3	7	5	10
Total	0	0	9	45	14	38	23	83

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

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	3	0	0	2	3
Breach of Bail	0	0	2	74	0	0	2	74
Child At Risk	0	0	4	21	0	0	4	21
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	6	9	0	0	6	9
Assault within Placement	0	0	4	13	0	0	4	13
Other	0	0	3	4	0	0	3	4
Total	0	0	21	124	0	0	21	124

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		7		0		7	
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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	2	6	3	3	5	9
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
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	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	4	10	3	3	7	13

Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		2		3		5	
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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	8	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	1	1	0	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		1		0		1	

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	

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	1	1	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3
Total	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	4
Total no of individual children this relates to:	0		6		1		0	

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	0	0	2	5	1	4	3	9
Breach of Bail	0	0	2	14	1	1	3	15
Child At Risk	0	0	2	7	1	4	3	11
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Other	0	0	2	8	1	1	3	9
Total	0	0	9	36	4	10	13	46

Total no of individual
children this relates to:

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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	2	45	2	33	4	78
Breach of Bail	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Child At Risk	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	7
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	5
Other	0	0	2	15	2	10	4	25
Total	0	0	8	73	5	45	13	118

Total no of individual
children this relates to:

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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	6	24	1	8	7	32
Breach of Bail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child At Risk	0	0	4	4	1	2	5	6
Criminal Damage within Placement	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Assault within Placement	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Other	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Total	0	0	15	33	2	10	17	43

Total no of individual
children this relates to:

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10.3.35	Number of children accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more by category	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
0 children who are looked after have been accommodated by ELB for 3 months or more.		
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
<p>20 sibling groups became looked after by the Trust during this reporting period, 15 sibling groups were placed in kinship care and 5 groups in non-kinship placements.</p> <p>Kinship placements (placed together)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 sets of siblings (27 children) had been accommodated together. <p>Non-kinship placements (placed together)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 sets of siblings (7 children) have been accommodated together. <p>Kinship placements (placed separately)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sets of siblings (13 children) had been placed separately due to accommodation limitations of kinship carers. <p>Non-kinship placements (placed separately)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 sets of 3 siblings (6 children) had been separated across 2 non-kinship placements. 		

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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	6	4	4	4	6	2	5	4	0	0	21	14	35
Art. 21(3) Accommodated 16+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	7	2	9
Art. 21(4) Accommodated	1	0	2	5	5	5	6	1	0	0	14	11	25
Art. 21(5) Accommodated 16+ <21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	6	1	7
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	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Art. 57 (1) Interim CO	4	2	3	2	1	7	2	0	0	0	10	11	21
Emergency Protection Order Art. 63	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Art. 23(2) Accommodated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	6
TOTAL	12	7	12	12	14	15	13	5	14	3	65	42	107

(b) (i) Were these admissions planned, unplanned or emergency;

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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	9	5	5	4	4	6	4	2	5	0	27	17	44
Unplanned	1	1	4	8	4	5	9	3	1	0	19	17	36
Emergency	2	1	3	0	6	4	0	0	8	3	19	8	27
Total	12	7	12	12	14	15	13	5	14	3	65	42	107

(ii) Of those that were unplanned or emergency how many were admitted to kinship foster care?

DSF – LAC
Spreadsheet

39 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

1 unplanned or emergency admission was 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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2 weeks < 6 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 weeks < 3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
3 Months < 6 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
6 Months < 1 Year	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	1	5
1 yr < 2 yrs	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	6	10
2 yrs < 3 yrs	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	6
3yrs < 5 yrs	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	5
5 yrs < 10 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	6	6	7	13
10+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	1	5
Total	1	0	5	5	3	2	3	1	16	12	28	20	48

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	1	0	4	2	2	1	1	1	4	1	12	5	17
Returned to Relatives/friends	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	5	2	7
Adopted	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Independent living/Tenancy (NIHE/H Assoc./Private etc)									3	2	3	2	5
Foster Carers (GEM)									4	4	4	4	8
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects									3	4	3	4	7
Bed + Breakfast									0	0	0	0	0
Hostel, Foyer									0	0	0	0	0
Supported Board and Lodgings									1	0	1	0	1
Prison, Hospital									0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Total	1	0	5	5	3	2	3	1	16	12	28	20	48

	(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	1	16	11	16	12	28
Number not entitled to access Leaving Care Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	16	11	16	12	28

10.3.44	<p>(a) Please provide the total number of children that became subject of a Residence Order during the period.</p> <p>For (a) above please give the number of children that were formerly placed with Stranger (Foster Carers), Kinship (Foster Carers), Residential Care or other placement.</p>	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet
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3 children became subject of a Residence Order during this reporting period.

Placement	No. of Children
Stranger (Foster Carers)	1
Kinship (Foster Carers)	2
Residential Care	0
Other placement	0
Total	3

	(b) How many Residence Orders are in place at period end?	DSF – LAC Spreadsheet																																																																																																				
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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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	Male						Total	Female						Total	
Category	16	17	18	19	20	21 +	Male	16	17	18	19	20	21+	Female	Total
Eligible	31	48					79	32	28					60	139
Relevant	0	0					0	0	0					0	0
Former Relevant			42	24	19	12	97			18	26	16	17	77	174
Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	48	42	24	19	12	176	32	28	18	26	16	17	137	313

10.4.2	<p>Of those eligible young people reported at 10.4.1 give the Children Order Legal Status at period end.</p> <p>Age reference table will automatically update as spreadsheets completed.</p>	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Legal Status	16	17	Total
Accommodated (Article 21)	18	46	64
Care order (Art 50 or 59)	36	23	59
Interim Care Order (Art 57)	9	2	11
Deemed Care Order	0	0	0
Other	0	5	5
Total	63	76	139

10.4.6	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet																																							
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Living Arrangements		16	17	Total		
Tenancy (NIHE/Housing Association/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		
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Living Arrangements		18	19	20	21+	Total
Former Foster Carers (GEM)		25	18	8	13	64
Tenancy (NIHE/Housing Association/Private)		13	10	12	8	43
At Home with Parents/Siblings		8	8	6	3	25
Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation Projects		7	3	0	0	10
Relatives/friends		2	6	4	2	14
Hostel, B+B, Foyer		0	4	3	2	9
Supported Board and Lodgings		0	0	0	0	0
Halls of residence/Student Accommodation		5	1	0	1	7
Prison		0	0	2	0	2
Other		0	0	0	0	0
Total		60	50	35	29	174

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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; and	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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ETE Status	18	19	20	21+	Total	No. Receiving Financial support
Secondary Level Education	5	0	0	0	5	5
Further Education	24	17	6	6	53	53
Higher Education	9	6	4	5	24	24
Training (Govt. sponsored training)	3	8	3	1	15	15
Pre-Vocational	3	3	3	12	21	21
Employment	9	6	10	0	25	25
ETE Inactive	6	6	6	5	23	23
Training (Non Govt. sponsored training)	1	4	3	0	8	8
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	50	35	29	174	174

	(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	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0

10.4.11	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 how many were convicted during this reporting period?	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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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	10	1	0
Relevant		0	0	0
Qualifying		0	0	0
Former Relevant		9	2	0
Total	0	19	3	0

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+ Spreadsheet
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Type of Disability	Male	Female	Total
Physical (Ex. Sensory)	1	0	1
Sensory	0	0	0
Learning	8	4	12
Chronic illness	0	0	0
Autism(ASD)/Aspergers/ADHD	39	13	52
Other (undefined)	1	11	12
No Disability	127	109	236
Total	176	137	313

10.4.13	Of the young people reported at 10.4.1 what is their parental status at period end?’	DSF-16+ Spreadsheet
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Parental Status	No of Young People
Parent	9
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+ Spreadsheet
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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 (1.4.24 – 30.9.24).
Mental Health Concerns	56	22
Self Harm	36	21

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
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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
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	11					11
Foster Care (kinship) >12 wks but not panel approved by 16 wks	7					7
Kinship Foster Carers not approved within 12 weeks, but within 16 weeks during the period	37					37
Panel Approved kinship carer	111					111*
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)		39	28	5	9	81
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers) NOTE Amended definition below		9	22	29	14	74
Total	166	48	50	34	23	321
How many of the Carers above also provide a GEM Placement*	20					20**
Of the carers above how many are Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers	10					10
Of the Prospective Adopters/Dually Approved carers above how many are Concurrent Foster/Adoptive Carers	0					0

* 17 Kinship houses in receipt of a fee

**46 households are providing GEMS placements, as an additional 18 placements are provided by de-registered foster carers & 8 with independent providers.

(b) Please give the number of other foster carers;

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Other Foster carers	No. of Carers
Independent Provider Foster Carers	85
Carers providing care only to children with a disability and who are not available to provide care for Looked After Children	0
Total	85

(c) Please give a breakdown of the number of foster carers de-registered during the period and the reason;

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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	5	3	8	12
No longer wishing to foster	0	9	9	9
Retired/phased out	6	2	8	9
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	3	0	3	4
Total	14	14	28	34

	(d) Please advise of the recruitment process activity during the period.	DSF-Foster care Spreadsheet																							
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10.5.2	For the foster carers return of 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		
Type of approval	Total places	Vacant at period end	Fostering Households with no child placed at the period end	NOTE
Foster Care (kinship) < 12 weeks not yet approved by panel	20	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	51	0	0	
Panel Approved kinship carer'	153	0	3	NB Kinship fee paid, <u>24</u> of these children in receipt of a fee. <u>3</u> vacant Kinship households to be de-registered (2 to GEMs and 1 child left placement)
Panel Approved Foster Carer (Non-kinship)	39	0	4	4 households with no children in place; 2 to be de-registered, 1 Foster carer taking a break due to post adoption move & 1 foster carer transferring to STAY Project.
Specialist Foster Carers (Fee Paid carers)	85	0	0	
Total	357	0	7	
Prospective Adopters dually approved as foster carers	6	3		2 households with plans to place a child imminently and 1 taking a break to review situation & future
Total	6	3		

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								
43 Foster Carer Annual reviews are outstanding										
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10.5.4	Please provide specific actions being taken by the Trust to ensure outstanding reviews are completed	Data return 10								
<p>Annual reviews continued to be monitored and tracked via internal processes.</p> <p>43 annual reviews were out of timescale for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16 delayed due to staff absence;• 7 foster carers are booked into panel for October and November;• 6 awaiting medical and/or Access NI Checks;• 6 foster carer are on a break• 4 de-registrations required (scheduled for Fostering Panel),• 3 in process of top-up assessment,• 1 disruption meeting required (scheduled for October) <p>Delayed annual reviews continue to be prioritised across the service. Additional Fostering Panels are being considered to help reduce the backlog.</p>										
10.5.5	What action is being taken to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care places	Data return 10								
<p>The Trust's two Recruitment and Assessment Fostering Teams continue to engage with the Regional Recruitment working group and contribute toward the Recruitment Strategy to maintain and increase the range, diversity and supply of foster care placements. During the above period, the Trust's fostering service has pursued strategies to recruit a diverse range of foster carers by having a presence at various community events. This reflects a</p>										

commitment to reaching potential carers from all backgrounds, ensuring inclusivity and diversity in the fostering community.

Fostering teams attended a Regional event, the Belfast Mela Day and at local level the Multi-Cultural Fun Day in Downpatrick. The events provide an opportunity for our service to reach out to diverse communities, encouraging individuals from various ethnic backgrounds to consider fostering.

In addition, there has been engagement with faith communities through partnerships with religious institutions. This included attending mass at four of the largest Catholic Churches in the Trust area, where parishioners were given the opportunity to speak to social workers and foster carers. This collaboration is part of an ongoing partnership with the church, which also involved sharing a request on church bulletins/facebook pages for people to consider fostering during Foster Care Fortnight in May. Similar outreach efforts are continuing in other faiths, where foster carers and social workers attended services and interacted with the congregation, fostering conversations and raising awareness about the need for foster carers.

The Fostering service also made a concerted effort to reach other communities. Several pop-up information stands took place during Disability Awareness Week in June, aimed at engaging with individuals with disabilities and their families, emphasizing that disability or health status are not necessarily barriers to fostering.

Community relationships have been forged with Down GAA Club who have shared flyers and information with all 48 affiliated clubs in the area and we look forward to developing this relationship further in the coming months. On a regional level, led by the Belfast Trust, the service also had a presence at Pride events, affirming its commitment to welcoming enquiries from the LGBTQ+ community.

At all events, staff and foster carers give clear messaging to dispel common misconceptions about fostering. They give out "myth-busting" flyers that encourage enquiries from same-sex couples, people with disabilities and health issues, people from any social-economic background, individuals who rent or own their homes, single or married and those who are employed or unemployed. This approach underscores the fostering service's inclusive ethos and its determination to recruit carers from all lifestyles.

The service holds monthly recruitment meetings with colleagues from STAY, Disability Fostering and two Recruitment and Assessment Teams and most importantly foster carers who assist us to look at new initiatives and shared ideas and to ensure continued development of initiatives that include having direct contact with a diverse range of people who will be able to meet the needs of children.

A number of recruitment events have taken place within the reporting period, along with celebrating events to raise the profile of foster carers in the community including:

Community events for example:

- Lisburn Mayor's Family Fun Day
- Range of Pop-up stands embedded in local communities such as; Leisure Centres, Shopping Centres & Libraries
- Summer Movie Magic (handing out gift bags, information leaflets)
- Lisburn Feile (Wallace Park)
- Monster Truck Event in Ards (2 day event)
- Multi-Cultural Fun Day (Downe Hospital)
- Leaflet and poster distribution – e.g. GP Practices

Regional events in partnership with other Trust, for example:

- Catholic Church event/Home For Good
- GAA
- Til I Grow up Event
- Balmoral Show
- Belfast/Lisburn Marathons

In response to the waiting list pressures, the Trust has created a pilot third Recruitment and Assessment Team and a triage system has been implemented to meet the increasing demands and urgency for kinship assessments whilst ensuring non-kinship assessments are given equal priority; ring fencing staffing to complete in a timely manner.

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
<p>There is an ongoing 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.</p>		
10.5.7	How many Private Fostering Arrangements under Article 106 are in place within the Trust as at the 30th September?	0
10.5.8	How many Private Fostering notifications under Article 106 has the Trust received during the period?	0
10.5.9	Please provide DOB and Date notification was received in respect of each child/young person reported at 10.5.8	Not applicable
	Of the notifications received (10.5.8) how many has the Trust accepted?	Not applicable
10.5.10	Of the notifications received (10.5.8) how many has the Trust accepted?	Not applicable
10.5.11	Of those notifications not accepted please summarise reasons and action taken by the Trust	Not applicable
10.5.12	Number of appeals made during the year under Article 113	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.	Not applicable
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. Inter-country Adoption within the period.	0
	Please specify the child's DOB and the date the Trust received each notification	Not applicable
10.6 (a)	Please provide the number of Complaints made against Foster carers during the period 1.4.24 – 30.9.24	1
10.6.(b)	Please provide the number of Complaints made against Foster carers during the period 1.4.24 – 30.9.24	0

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
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Source of Enquiries	Domestic	Inter-Country
Central Regional Team (e.g. Website)	13	0
Newspaper advertisement	0	0
Radio advertisement	0	0
Word of mouth	3	0
Trust Website	0	0
Specific local campaign	0	0
Total	16	0

	(b) Please provide the waiting time from initial inquiry to commencement of training	DSF- Adoption Spreadsheet
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Time waiting	Domestic	Inter-Country
Less than 1 month	0	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	8	0
More than 3 months less than 6 months	8	0
More than 6 months less than 12 months	0	0
1 year or more	0	0
Total	16	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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Total	1	0	0	0	1																																												

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	7
Households approved as Dual carers/Concurrent Carers	7
Households where previous Foster Carers have been approved as Adoptive carers for their LAC	1
Total	15

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
More than 1 month less than 3 months	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3

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*	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Step Parent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
Inter-country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	8

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 a Hague designated country</u> and therefore not through the courts in NI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Freeing Orders Art 17 and Art 18	<1		1 - 2		1 - 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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Freeing Orders - Art 18 (1) without agreement	0	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Court Applications for Freeing Orders not granted 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	6 months - <1 year	1-<2 years	2-<3 years	3-<5 years	5+ years	Total
No. of Children	1	1	1	0	0	0	3

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	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
More than 1 month less than 3 months	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
More than 3 months less than 6 months	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
More than 6 month less than 12 months	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	3
1 year or more	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	3	1	9	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	13	13

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 30th September 2024?	0	0	0	0	3	2	18	12	13	19	13	6	47	39

72 households are in receipt of adoption allowance at 30th September.

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	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

2 households commenced receipt of adoption allowance in this reporting period.

10.6.12	Details of recruitment, assessment, training, support for prospective adopters	Data Return 10
<p>There has been a steady rate of enquiries in relation to adoption in this reporting period. Over 20 sets of applicants remain within the preliminary phase for checks and training.</p> <p>A Preparation to Adopt course was held over 3 days in May 2024. This was facilitated by two social workers from the Adoption team and had guest speakers including, clinical child psychologist and adoptive parents. This was attended by 18 individuals, all of whom progressed to applying to a full adoption assessment</p> <p>At period end, 15 assessments were being undertaken by the team of adoption Social workers. Additionally, a family adoption is being assessed for the court.</p> <p>The staff continue to avail of the monthly clinic with the Psychologist within the adoption service to discuss mental health of applicants.</p> <p>The Trust's Pre-linking Panel is held monthly and has considered the matching needs of 29 children in this reporting period. This includes 9 sets of siblings.</p> <p>14 sets of prospective adopters have been in receipt of social work support in this period, as they navigate meeting the complex needs of the children placed in their care through the delivery of therapeutic parenting. Placement support is delivered in conjunction with Permanence team staff and clinical psychology.</p> <p>The Adoption team have implemented the Access to Records guidance for adult adopted people. The number of individuals requesting their file is increasing and this is highly sensitive and time consuming work for staff. Representatives from the team have attended regional meetings with adoption agencies to discuss practise issues in this area. A review of the implementation of the guidance is taking place in November 2024.</p> <p>The Trust's Adoption panel meets twice a month to consider best interests recommendations, matching proposals and adoptive applicants for approval. In this period, 26 cases were brought before the adoption panel for recommendation.</p>		
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
<p>During the reporting period the Trust supported 30 families via the post adoption and permanence service. The Trust on average facilitated 6 direct post adoption contacts and 9 indirect contacts per month. 1 young person experienced a potential Adoptive disruption but this was averted through the provision of additional support to the family</p>		

and young person at this time of crisis. There were therefore no breakdowns of those in their adoptive placements.

The Trust has continued to run the well-attended attachment based swimming course. As in previous years, this group targeted adoptive parents with pre-school aged children and ran over a course of six weeks.

This year the Trust linked with the Early Years intervention team in Lisburn and delivered an early speech and language development workshop.

Feedback included;

“Informative and the inclusion of a messy play crèche for the children was very helpful too”

“Really useful tips and food for thought re early speech development and impact of trauma. “

The Trust also rolled out six sessions of relaxation technique workshops for the primary school age children which was run by *Relax Kids* Belfast.

As always the summer fun day was well attended with 18 family groups attending this year.

The Trust has continued to be creative in its response to the Adoptive families during this time period

Families have continued to be supported by the social workers who have carried out joint pieces of work, accompanied when required by the Lead clinical psychologist for the service.

Counselling sessions with a freelance post adoption depression specialist have been offered to the eleven adoptive families during this period.

All social workers in the service are trained in a mixture of Theraplay and DDP which has meant they could offer more practical, hands on, assistance in the home with the children within their adoptive placements.

Play therapy and other therapies such as Filial therapy or Art therapy were also part funded where required.

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
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	63	3567	1	0	3
Out of School within Day Nursery	47	1592			
<i>Total Day Nursery Places</i>		5159			
Crèche	2	47	0	0	0
Playgroup	66	2410	2	0	5
Stand-Alone Out of School	42	1440	1	0	3
Childminder	389	2339	9	0	24
Approved Home Child Carers	29	0	3	0	4
Holiday Scheme	2	96	1	0	0
Two year old Programme.	11	132	0	0	0
Total	651	11623	17	0	39

10.7.2	Registration issues and commentary as at period end (If any challenges or issues please provide a brief analysis)	Data Return 10
	<p>This has been a positive period for the Trust's Early Years' Service with regards to inspection and registration activity with 94% of settings and childminders who were due annual inspection, having received it. The service continues to work to targets for registration, where this is not possible it is primarily due to delays caused by the applicant.</p> <p>The report demonstrates the changing picture in regards to the Early Years sector as settings and childminders continue to close at a higher rate than opening. This is often due to staffing and demand challenges. The Early Years Team, as a result have an ever increasing role in assisting providers to comply with registration requirements and in supporting them as they strive to provide quality childcare with reduced staff and increasing additional needs in the children they are caring for. The increased costs of childcare along with staffing issues have made it difficult for some settings to survive.</p> <p>The Trust has continued to implement an inspection pilot with childminders and in this period that has meant 65 childminders received a pilot inspection, which equates to 39% of the total childminders who were due inspection in the period. One of the aims of the inspection pilot was to streamline the inspection process for those childminders who had evidenced positive inspection history, as well as creating additional capacity within the team for support work. Now that staffing is at full complement, the Early Year Service plans to discuss and review the pilot in the next period and consider what support aspects may be possible within the capacity that will continue to be created by the pilot.</p> <p>Registered Places: Table 10.7.1</p> <p>5 playgroups have closed in the period- whilst 1 reopened under new ownership, the reasons for closure have been to do with recruitment and staffing for 2 groups, lack of demand for another and the other 2 were to do with ownership changes.</p> <p>24 childminders closed in the period, with only 9 new childminders registering. This continues the trend of more childminders leaving the sector than those joining and with this the ongoing negative impact on the childcare options available to parents and families in need.</p> <p>Inspections: Table 10.7.3.</p> <p>Of the total number of providers and childminders needing an annual inspection, 44% were due in this period. Of the 44% of total inspections that were due, 15 became overdue, 12 of which are overdue only by 0 - 3 months. This is largely explained by 2 team vacancies which have now been filled and individual circumstances resulting in delayed paperwork return.</p> <p>The 3 inspections with longer over-due periods are again circumstantial for the childminder and as a result of the team vacancies impacting allocation.</p> <p>Outstanding Applications: table 10.7.4</p>	

There are a total of 5 applications outstanding, 4 of which are within the 0 - 3 month period, only 1 has been outstanding 4 - 6 months and this is due to their own delays.

Applications being Assessed: table 10.7.5.

Of the 10 applications being assessed, 6 are within the target windows for registration. For the 4 beyond this, there have been delays caused by the applicant as regards building work, vetting and workload of the Early Years team.

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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Sector	6 months Data			Total <u>Inspections still to be completed this year (as at 30.9.24)</u>
	<u>Number Requiring Inspection during the period (1.4.24 – 30.9.24)</u>	<u>Number of Inspections carried out during the period (1.4.24 – 30.9.24)</u>	<u>Number of the inspections carried out remotely only (subset of the number of inspections carried out) (1.4.24 – 30.9.24)</u>	
Day Nursery	46	43	0	3
Crèche	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	25	22	0	3
Out of School	21	17	0	4
Childminder	168	163	0	5
Holiday Scheme	2	2	0	0
Two year old Programme	4	4	0	0
Total	266	251	0	15

No. of Overdue Inspections i.e. have not been inspected at 30.9.24	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 +
3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2 Day Nurseries - Trust delay in sending out inspection paperwork, 1 Day Nursery: unable to complete inspection as arranged as setting was in breach.

Playgroup 1: setting was delayed due to ongoing situation being monitored by the Panel, another was delayed due to the setting's failure to return paper work, 1 inspection was delayed by social worker due to work pressures.

Childminder overdue by 4 - 6 months: 1 childminder was sick so delayed inspection, 1 childminder came off suspension in the period and was unable to be allocated due to team vacancy.

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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		Length of Time Unallocated from receipt of Application				
Sector	No. of Applications not Allocated	0 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7 - 9 months	10 - 12 months	12+ months
Day Nursery	0	0	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	5	4	1	0	0	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	4	1	0	0	0

Childminder 4-6 months: information outstanding from childminder to progress application

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	Length of Time that applications have been in progress					
	Number in Progress	0 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7 - 9 months	10 - 12 months	12+ months
Day Nursery	1	0	1	0	0	0
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0
Playgroup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of School	2	1	0	1	0	0
Childminder	7	4	3	0	0	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two year old Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	5	4	1	0	0

Out of school: delay caused by building and staffing issues.

Childminder (4-6 months): 1 childminder's partner had disqualification information so vetting process is ongoing, 1 childminder is moving house so delayed registration and the other was unable to be allocated due to workload.

	10.8 Complaints & Representation	
10.8.1	Does the Trust have an appropriately authorised and experienced children's complaints officer? Yes	Data Return 10
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.		
10.8.2	Does the Trust have an independent advocacy service for children and their families? Yes	Data Return 10
<p>The Trust has 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, 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>The Children's Lessons Learned group reviews the themes and learning emerging from complaints and identifies improvement plans as necessary. This is a sub group of the Children's Safeguarding Committee. It is constituted from senior managers, principal practitioners, social care governance and learning, development and 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
The Trust has a whistle blowing policy, which outlines how staff can raise concerns.		