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Introduction

On the 1st of January 2014 the Child and Family agency became an independent legal entity, comprising the former HSE Children and Family Services, Family Support Agency and the National Educational Welfare Board as well as incorporating specific psychology services and a range of services responding to domestic, sexual and gender based violence.

The Child and Family Agency is now the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children. It represents the most comprehensive reform of child protection, early intervention and family support services ever undertaken in Ireland. It is an ambitious move which brings together some 4,000 staff and an operational budget of approximately €600m.

The Agency operates under the *Child and Family Agency Act 2013*, a progressive piece of legislation with children at its heart, and families viewed as the foundation of a strong healthy community where children can flourish. Partnership and co-operation in the delivery of seamless services to children and families are also central to the Act.

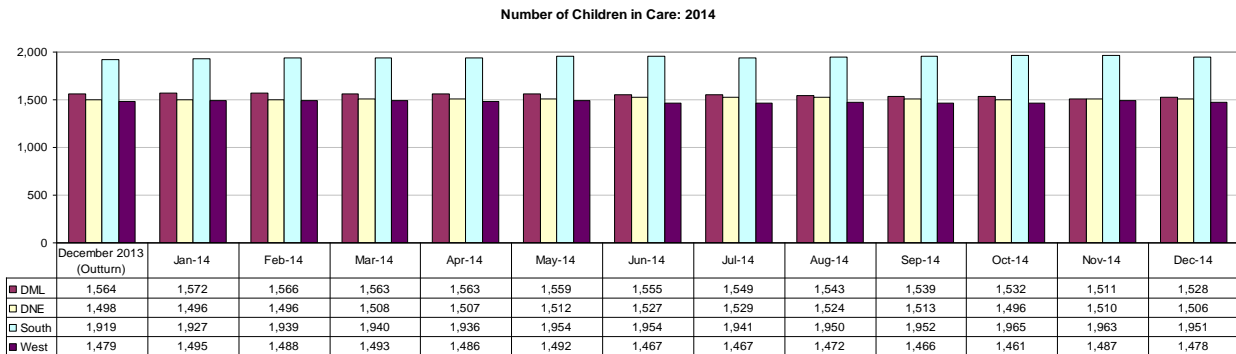
The establishment represents an opportunity to think differently, where appropriate to behave differently and to seek a wide range of views regarding the most effective way of working together to deliver a wide range of services for children and families. An approach which is responsive, inclusive and outward looking

Under the Child and Family Act, 2013 the Child and Family Agency is charged with: supporting and promoting the development, welfare and protection of children, and the effective functioning of families; Offering care and protection for children in circumstances where their parents have not been able to, or are unlikely to, provide the care that a child needs. In order to discharge these responsibilities, the Agency is required to maintain and develop the services needed in order to deliver these supports to children and families, and provide certain services for the psychological welfare of children and their families; responsibility for ensuring that every child in the State attends school or otherwise receives an education, and for providing education welfare services to support and monitor children's attendance, participation and retention in education; ensuring that the best interests of the child guides all decisions affecting individual children; consulting children and families so that they help to shape the agency's policies and services; strengthening interagency co-operation to ensure seamless services responsive to needs; undertaking research relating to its functions, and providing information and advice to the Minister regarding those functions; commissioning services relating to the provision of child and family services

The monthly performance activity report will contain data which is returned and validated during the reporting period. Returns are made on a monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual basis. The schedule for reporting of the various metrics is contained in appendix 2.

1.1 Number and percentage of Children in Care (by care type)

There were 6,463, children in care on 31st December 2014. This is a decrease of 8 (0.1%) over the November 2014 figure of 6,471¹ and of 3 (0.05%) from the December 2013 figure of 6,460.

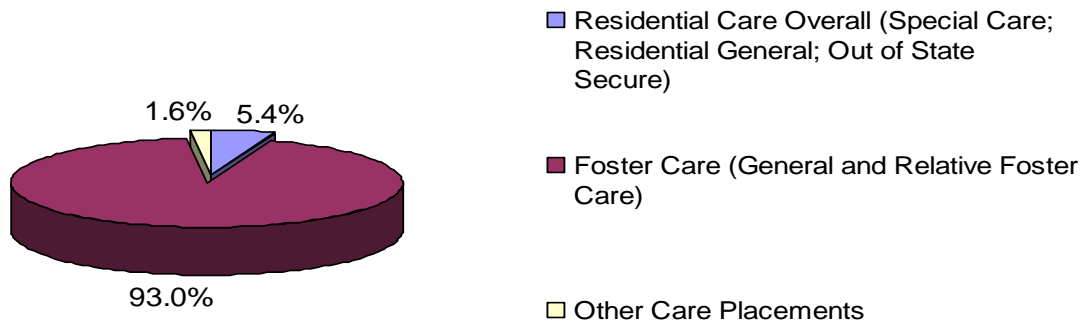


Administrative Area	No of Children in Care December 2014	% of Children in Care December 2014	0-17 Population Census 2011	% of 0-17 Pop Census 2011	Children in Care per 10,000 U18 Population
Dublin South Central	405	6.3%	62,438	5.4%	64.9
Dublin South East/Wicklow	296	4.6%	81,991	7.1%	36.1
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	7.5%	102,800	8.9%	47.4
Midlands	340	5.3%	77,726	6.8%	43.7
Dublin City North	628	9.7%	72,666	6.3%	86.4
Dublin North	308	4.8%	63,256	5.5%	48.7
Louth/Meath	389	6.0%	87,562	7.6%	44.4
Cavan/Monaghan	181	2.8%	35,085	3.1%	51.6
Cork	928	14.4%	128,448	11.2%	72.2
Kerry	146	2.3%	34,940	3.0%	41.8
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	380	5.9%	57,800	5.0%	65.7
Waterford/Wexford	497	7.7%	71,608	6.2%	69.4
Mid West	592	9.2%	94,989	8.3%	62.3
Galway/Roscommon	484	7.5%	77,270	6.7%	62.6
Mayo	122	1.9%	32,514	2.8%	37.5
Donegal	190	2.9%	44,534	3.9%	42.7
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	90	1.4%	23,060	2.0%	39.0
National Total	6,463	100.0%	1,148,687	100.0%	56.3

Of the 6,463 children in care overall at the end of December 2014, 93% (6,011) are in a foster care placement. This figure includes 4,137 (64%) in foster care general and 1,874 (29%) in relative foster care. Further analysis and breakdown of care types is provided below.

¹ Data for November has been amended following publication of the November report to reflect accurate rather than estimated data for Louth/Meath which has now been validated.

Percentage of Children in Care by Overall Care Type: December 2014



20 (0.3%) of the 6,463 children in care on 31st December were in an out of state placement, the same as the previous month. This figure comprises 5 in a residential secure placement; 6 in a residential general placement; 3 in a foster care general placement; 3 in a relative foster carer placement and 3 in 'other' care placements.

454 (7%/6,463) of children in care were in a private care placement. This is an increase of 5 over the previous month (449).

Administrative Area	No of Children in Care December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014 in a Private Residential Placement	No of Children in Care December 2014 in a Private Foster General Placement	No of Children in Care December 2014 in a Private Other Care Placement	Total No of Children in Care December 2014 in a Private Placement
Dublin South Central	405	18	53	1	72
Dublin South East/Wicklow	296	11	27	2	40
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	26	46	0	72
Midlands	340	11	29	0	40
Dublin City North	628	9	65	1	75
Dublin North	308	10	18	2	30
Louth/Meath	389	12	4	0	16
Cavan/Monaghan	181	3	0	0	3
Cork	928	28	10	2	40
Kerry	146	0	1	0	1
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	380	4	1	0	5
Waterford/Wexford	497	14	7	0	21
Mid West	592	5	7	4	16
Galway/Roscommon	484	2	0	2	4
Mayo	122	4	3	0	7
Donegal	190	3	1	0	4
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	90	6	2	0	8
National Total	6,463	166	274	14	454

Of the 454 in a private care placement, 60.4% (274/454) were in foster care general; 35.5% (161/454) were in residential general; 3.1% (14/454) were in an "other care placement, and 1.1% (5/454) were in a residential out of state secure placement.

i) Residential Special Care

Of all the children in care on the last day of December 2014 0.2% (16/6,463) were in a residential special care placement. The regional breakdown of these placements was as follows: Dublin Mid Leinster 0.3% (4/1,528) Dublin North East 0.4% (6/1,506); South 0.2% (4/1,951) and the West 0.1% (2/1,478).

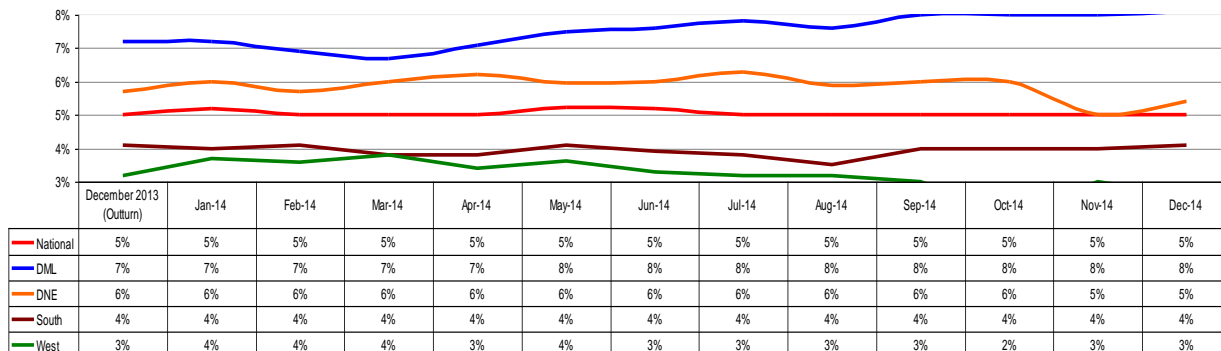
Special Care Unit	Location	Gender Mix of Unit	Capacity
Ballydowd	Dublin	Mixed Gender Unit	10
Coovagh House*	Limerick	Mixed Gender Unit	3
Gleann Alainn	Co Cork	Female Unit	4

*please note increase in capacity in Coovagh House since the June report.

ii) Residential General Care

5% (325) of all children in care (6,463) at the end of December were in a residential general placement.

Percentage of Children in Care in Residential General Care : 2014



Of the 325 children in care in a residential care general placement, 161 (50%) are in a private placement. This demonstrates a reduction of 1 over the November 2014 figure of 162.

The percentage breakdown of children in a residential general placement who are in a private placement in each region is: Dublin Mid Leinster 51% (63/124) an increase of 1 since November; Dublin North East 40% (33/82) an increase of 4 over November; South 56% (45/80) an increase of 2 since November; and the West 51% (20/39), no increase on the previous month. 2% (6/325) of the children

in residential care general placements at the end of December were in an out of state placement.

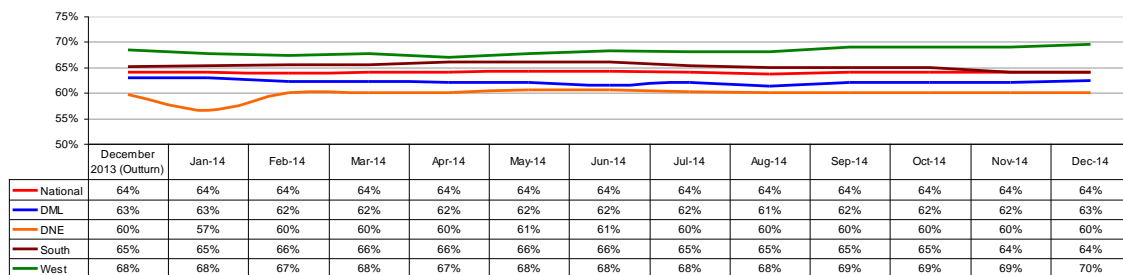
iii) Residential Out of State (Secure) Placement

At the end of December 0.1% (5) of all children in care (6,463) were in a residential out of state secure placement.

iv) Foster Care General (FCG)

64% (4,137) of all children in care at the end of December were in a foster care general placement. This equates to an increase of 6 children in this placement type compared to the November 2014 figure (4,131) and a decrease of 3 children from the December 2013 figure of 4,140 in this placement type. The percentage of children in care in a foster general placement however has remained constant at 64%.

Percentage of Children in Care in Foster Care General : 2014



274 (7%) of all children in foster care general (4,137) were in a private placement at the end of December 2014. This is an increase of 5 children in the last month in this placement type.

The percentage of children in a private general foster care placement in each region was: Dublin Mid Leinster 16% (155/955) an increase of 5; Dublin North East 10% (87/906) an increase of 1; South 2% (19/1,248) no change; and the West 1% (13/1,028) a decrease of 1 on the previous month. 0.1% (3/4,137) of children in foster care general placements at the end of December were in an out of state placement.

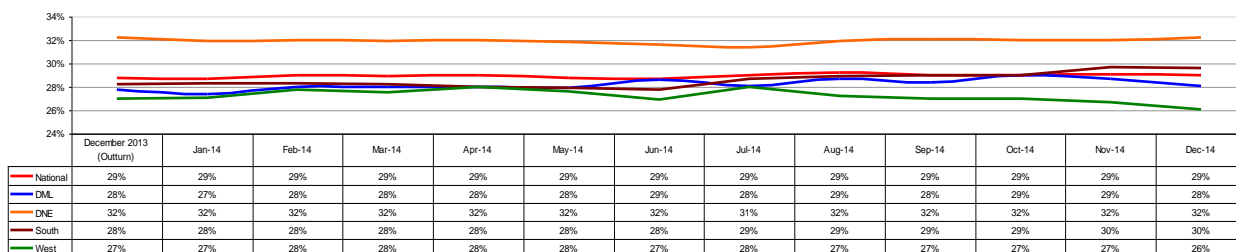
At the end of Q4 2014 there were 4,210 foster carers approved and on the Foster Care Panel (Part III Regs), a decrease of 30 from the previous Quarter (4,240). Of these 2,880 (68%) were categorised as foster care general; 1,166 (28%) as relative foster carers and 164 (4%) as private carers.

Between June 2013 (2,866) and December 2014 (2,880) there was an increase of 14 in the number of foster carers (general) approved and on the Foster Carer Panel (Part III, Regs).

v) Foster Care with Relatives (FCWR)

29% (1,874) of all children in care at the end of December were in a foster care with relative placement (FCWR). This represents a decrease of 17 over the previous months figure in this placement type and an increase of 16 on the December 2013 return of 1,858 (29%/6,460) of all children in care in that reporting period).

Percentage of Children in Care in Foster Care with Relatives : 2014



The percentage and number of children in care in a FCWR placement in each region are: DML 28% (429/1,528); DNE 32% (482/1,506); South 30% (577/1,951) and the West 26% (386/1,478).

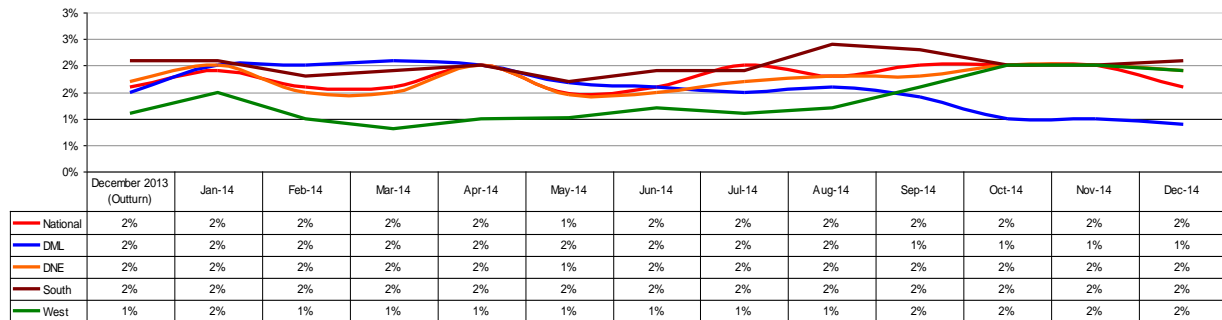
0.2% (3/1,874) of the children in a foster care with relative placements at the end of December was in an out of state placement.

Vii) Other Care Placements

On the 31st December 2014, 2% (106/6,463) of all children in care were in an “other” care placement, this demonstrates a decrease of 8 over the November 2014 figure and no change in the number of children in this placement type since December 2013 (106).

3% (3/106) of the children in other care placements at the end of December were in an out of state placement.

Percentage of Children in Care in Other Care Placements : 2014

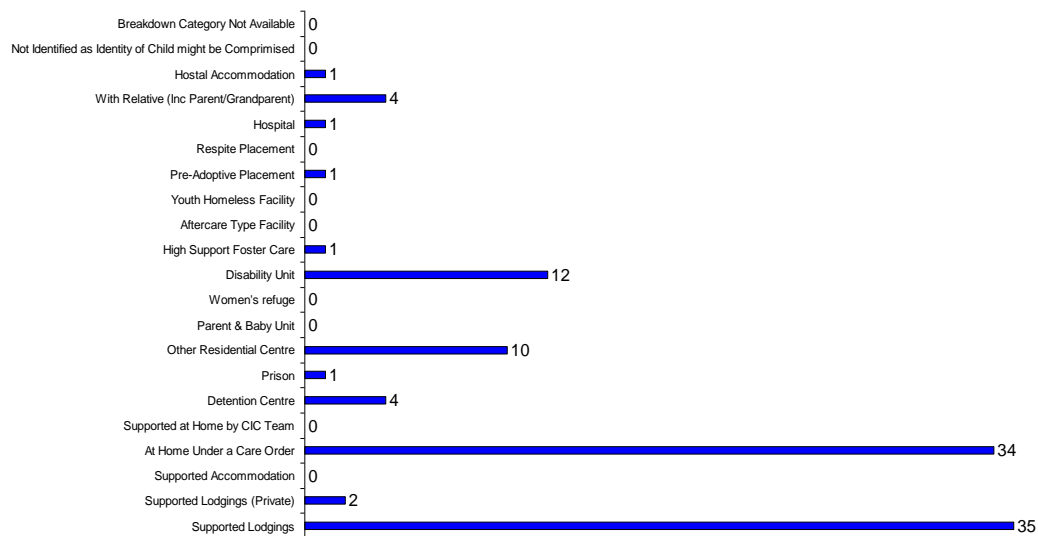


Some examples of “Other Care Placements” include:

- Children who may be at home on a care order under supervision as part of a re-unification plan;
- Young people subject to a care order but currently in a detention centre due to their offending behaviour;
- Young people placed in supported lodgings;
- Placement in a residential centre for young people with a disability.

A breakdown of the return for the 106 “other care” placements are shown in the chart below:

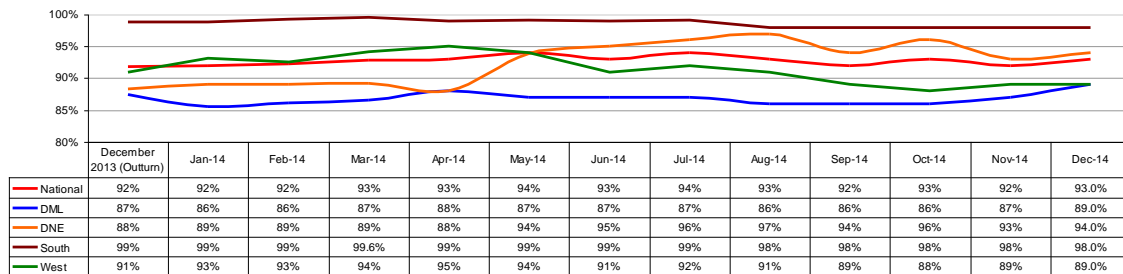
Children in Care in an Other Care Placement: December 2014



1.2 Number and Percentage of Children in Care with an Allocated Social Worker

In accordance with the national standards for foster care, 100% of children in care must have an allocated social worker. 93% (6,002) of children in care (6,463) were allocated a social worker at the end of December, an increase of 69 children from the December 2013 figures (5,933/6,463) and an increase of 37 over the November figure of 5,965 (92%). The following is a regional and area breakdown of the % of children in care with an allocated social worker on the 31st December 2014.

Percentage of Children in Care with an Allocated Social Worker : 2014



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker	% of Children in Care December 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker
Dublin South Central	405	379	94%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	296	284	96%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	391	80%
Midlands	340	308	91%
Dublin City North	628	600	96%
Dublin North	308	292	95%
Louth/Meath	389	336	86%
Cavan/Monaghan	181	181	100%
Cork	928	915	99%
Kerry	146	146	100%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	380	370	97%
Waterford/Wexford	497	480	97%
Mid West	592	490	83%
Galway/Roscommon	484	428	88%
Mayo	122	122	100%
Donegal	190	190	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	90	90	100%
National Total	6,463	6,002	93%

- DML: 89% (1,362/1,528). No Administrative Area demonstrated a performance below 80%.
- DNE: 94% (1,409/1,506). No Administrative Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Cavan Monaghan reached the target 100%. Louth Meath decreased by 11 from 378 in November.
- South: 98% (1,911/1,951). No Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Kerry again met the target (100%) the remaining areas returned greater than 97%.

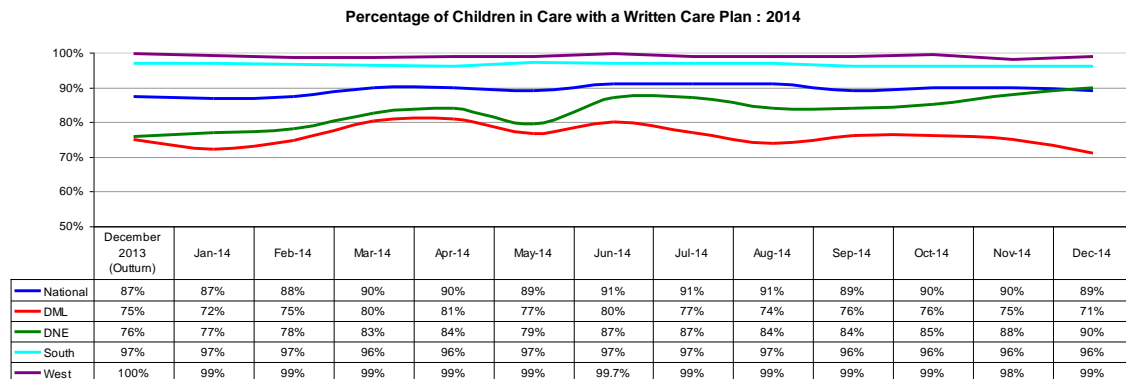
- West: 89% (1,320/1,478). No Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Mayo; Donegal and Sligo Leitrim West Cavan met the target (100%).

Although 10 social workers resigned their post in December, 9 new staff commenced in the month with a further 11 agreeing start dates. A further 60 posts have been accepted. 219 posts nationally (an increase of 27 from 192 in November) have been approved and are being processed by the National Recruitment Service. In addition to existing approved vacancies, the absence of 92 (an increase of 8 in the last month) social work staff on maternity leave is continuing to have a significant impact on the capacity of some areas to allocate a social worker to all children who are open to the service. When maternity leaves and approved vacancies are combined, there are a total of 311 social work vacancies. 88 Agency staff are employed to cover these vacancies leaving 223 posts unfilled across the country.

Number of Children in Care by Placement Type with an Allocated Social Worker on 31 st December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker	% of Children in Care December 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker
i. Residential Special Care	16	16	100%
ii. Residential General Care	325	322	99%
iii. Residential Out of State Secure Placement	5	5	100%
iv. Foster Care General	4,137	3,877	94%
v. Foster Care with Relatives	1,874	1,678	90%
vi. Other Care Placements	106	104	98%
National Total	6,463	6,002	93%

1.3 Number and Percentage of Children in Care with a Written Care Plan

The target for 2014 is that 90% of children in care will have a written care plan. The target of 90% was not reached for December with an 89% return (5,778/6,463). However it should be noted that out of the 17 administrative areas 13 exceeded the 90% target.



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014 with a Written Care Plan	% of Children in Care December 2014 with a Written Care Plan
Dublin South Central	405	158	39%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	296	211	71%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	379	78%
Midlands	340	336	99%
Dublin City North	628	570	91%
Dublin North	308	240	78%
Louth/Meath	389	375	96%
Cavan/Monaghan	181	169	93%
Cork	928	876	94%
Kerry	146	136	93%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	380	380	100%
Waterford/Wexford	497	486	98%
Mid West	592	586	99%
Galway/Roscommon	484	478	99%
Mayo	122	122	100%
Donegal	190	188	99%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	90	88	98%
National Total	6,463	5,778	89%

The December 2014 performance was slightly up on the December 2013 percentage figure of 87%, however returns also demonstrated a 1% decrease on the November 2014 return of 90%. Overall the number of children in care at the end of December with a written care plan decreased by 49 from 5,827 in November.

- DML: 71% (1,884/1,528); a decrease of 44 over the previous month. Performance was below 70% again in Dublin South Central at 39% (158/405) which has shown a further decrease in performance from 52% the previous month. The remaining areas returned over 70% (see table on p12).

- DNE: 90% (1,354/1,506) a 1% increase over previous month. Continued significant improvement in performance was noted in Cavan Monaghan who had returned 77% (140/181) in November following their October return of 48% (86/180). Their return for December was 93% (169/181) exceeding the target. Dublin City North and Louth Meath exceeded the target of 90%.
- South 96% (1,878/1,951) no change over previous month. All areas exceeded the target of 90% with Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary returning 100%.
- West 99% (1,462/1,478) 1% increase over previous month. Mayo returned 100% and all the remaining areas exceeded the target.

Number of Children in Care by Placement Type with a Written Care Plan on 31 st December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014	No of Children in Care December 2014 with a Written Care Plan	% of Children in Care December 2014 with a Written Care Plan
i. Residential Special Care	16	16	100%
ii. Residential General Care	325	289	89%
iii. Residential Out of State Secure Placement	5	5	100%
iv. Foster Care General	4,137	3,719	90%
v. Foster Care with Relatives	1,874	1,654	88%
vi. Other Care Placements	106	95	90%
National Total	6,463	5,778	89%

1.4 Service Activity Data

i) The number of Open Cases by area

At the end of December 2014 there were 27,651 cases recorded as “open” This demonstrates a decrease of 788 over last month’s figure 28,439. The South at 8,360 (30%) had the highest number of open² cases nationally with the West returning the lowest at 5,679 (21%). Of the 27,651 cases recorded as “open” 69.8% (19,300) have been allocated (see table below).

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases on 31/12/2014	Number of Open Cases Allocated on 31/12/2014	% of Open Cases Allocated on 31/12/2014
Dublin South Central	1,600	782	48.9%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	1,342	1,132	84.4%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2,289	1,051	45.9%
Midlands	1,889	1,099	58.2%
Dublin City North	1,777	1,552	87.3%
Dublin North	2,650	1,454	54.9%
Louth/Meath	1,451	831	57.3%
Cavan/Monaghan	614	342	55.7%
Cork	4,124	3,109	75.4%
Kerry	515	515	100.0%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	1,868	1,486	79.6%
Waterford/Wexford	1,853	1,267	68.4%
Mid West	1,859	1,641	88.3%
Galway/Roscommon	1,585	1,210	76.3%
Mayo	558	555	99.5%
Donegal	876	722	82.4%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	801	552	68.9%
National Total	27,651	19,300	69.8%

² An “open” case refers to a case which is open for assessment and/or intervention from a social work team which meets the threshold for a referral under children First (2011). The total number of open cases also includes children in care.

ii) The Number of Open Cases awaiting allocation

At the end of December 2014 8,351, (30%) of the 27,651 cases recorded as open were awaiting allocation, a decrease of 100 children in the last month. DML have the highest number of open cases nationally awaiting allocation at 3,056 demonstrating an increase of 234 from 2,822 in November. The West has the lowest number at 999 (18%/5,679).

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases on 31/12/2014	Number of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/12/2014	% of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/12/2014
Dublin South Central	1,600	818	51.1%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	1,342	210	15.6%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2,289	1,238	54.1%
Midlands	1,889	790	41.8%
Dublin City North	1,777	225	12.7%
Dublin North	2,650	1,196	45.1%
Louth/Meath	1,451	620	42.7%
Cavan/Monaghan	614	272	44.3%
Cork	4,124	1,015	24.6%
Kerry	515	0	0.0%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	1,868	382	20.4%
Waterford/Wexford	1,853	586	31.6%
Mid West	1,859	218	11.7%
Galway/Roscommon	1,585	375	23.7%
Mayo	558	3	0.5%
Donegal	876	154	17.6%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	801	249	31.1%
National Total	27,651	8,351	30.2%

iii) The number of High Priority Open Cases awaiting allocation

Of the 8,351 open cases nationally that were awaiting allocation at the end of December 2014, 2,731 of these (37%) were categorised as High Priority. This is a decrease of 113 over last month's figure of 2,844 (35%). Nationally DNE had the highest number of high priority cases awaiting allocation at 1,516 (46%/2,844). The West demonstrated the lowest number of high priority cases open and awaiting allocation at 222 (22%/2,844).

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/12/2014	Number of High Priority Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/12/2014	% of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/12/2014 that are High Priority
Dublin South Central	818	140	17.1%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	210	34	16.2%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	1,238	406	32.8%
Midlands	790	265	33.5%
Dublin City North	225	1	0.4%
Dublin North	1,196	534	44.6%
Louth/Meath	620	334	53.9%
Cavan/Monaghan	272	128	47.1%
Cork	1,015	216	21.3%
Kerry	0	0	#DIV/o!
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	382	249	65.2%
Waterford/Wexford	586	161	27.5%
Mid West	218	36	16.5%
Galway/Roscommon	375	116	30.9%
Mayo	3	3	100.0%
Donegal	154	14	9.1%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	249	94	37.8%
National Total	8,351	2,731	32.7%

Appendix 1: National Performance Scorecard

National Performance Scorecard 2014: <u>December</u>	Data Timing	Outturn 2013	Target or Estimated Activity Levels (EAL) 2014	Performance YTD			Performance this M/Q		
				Target/EAL YTD	Activity YTD	% var Activity YTD v Target/EAL YTD	Target/EAL this Month or Quarter	Actual this Month or Quarter	% var reported activity v Target/EAL this Month or Quarter
Children in Care: Residential and Foster Care	M		Estimated Activity Levels						
The number of children in care overall at the end of the reporting period	M	6,460	6,460	6,460	6,463	0%	6,460	6,463	0%
The number of children in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M	25			16			16	
The percentage of children in care in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	-38%	0.4%	0.2%	-38%
The number of children in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M	324			325			325	
The percentage of children in care in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M	5.0%	5%	5%	5%	0%	5%	5%	0%
The number of children in Residential Out of State Secure Placement at the end of the reporting period	M				5			5	
The percentage of children in care in Residential Out of State Secure Placement at the end of the reporting period	M				0.1%			0.1%	
The number of children in Foster Care General at the end of the reporting period	M	4,140			4,137			4,137	
The percentage of children in care in Foster Care General at the end of the reporting period	M	64.1%	64%	64%	64%	0%	64%	64%	0%

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				Target/EAL YTD	Activity YTD	% var Activity YTD v Target/EAL YTD	Target/EAL this Month or Quarter	Actual this Month or Quarter	% var reported activity v Target/EAL this Month or Quarter
The number of children in Foster Care with Relatives at the end of the reporting period	M	1,858			1,874			1,874	
The percentage of children in care in Foster Care with Relatives at the end of the reporting period	M	28.8%	28.8%	28.8%	29%	1%	29%	29%	1%
The number of children in Other Care Placements at the end of the reporting period	M	106			106			106	
The percentage of children in care in Other Care Placements at the end of the reporting period	M	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	2%	-4%	1.7%	2%	-4%
Children in Care: with an Allocated Social Worker	M								
Number of children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	5,933			6,002			6,002	
% children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	91.8%	100%	100%	93%	-7%	100%	93%	-7%
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	25			16			16	
The percentage of children in Residential Special Care with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%
Number of children in Residential General Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	313			322			322	

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				Target/EAL YTD	Activity YTD	% var Activity YTD v Target/EAL YTD	Target/EAL this Month or Quarter	Actual this Month or Quarter	% var reported activity v Target/EAL this Month or Quarter
The percentage of children in Residential General Care with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M	96.6%	100%	100%	99%	-1%	100%	99%	-1%
Number of children in Residential Care Out of State Secure Placement who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M				5			5	
The percentage of children in Residential Care Out of State Secure Placement who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M		100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%
Number of children in Foster Care General who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	3,823			3,877			3,877	
The percentage of children in Foster Care General with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M	92.3%	100%	100%	94%	-6%	100%	94%	-6%
Number of children in Foster Care with Relatives who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	1,661			1,678			1,678	
The percentage of children in Foster Care with Relatives with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M	89.4%	100%	100%	90%	-10%	100%	90%	-10%
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	104			104			104	
The percentage of children in Other Care Placements with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M	98.1%	100%	100%	98%	-2%	100%	98%	-2%

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				Target/EAL YTD	Activity YTD	% var Activity YTD v Target/EAL YTD	Target/EAL this Month or Quarter	Actual this Month or Quarter	% var reported activity v Target/EAL this Month or Quarter
Children in Care: With a Written Care Plan	M								
Number of children in care overall who have an a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	5,646			5,778			5,778	
% children in care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	87.4%	90%	90%	89%	-1%	90%	89%	-1%
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	25			16			16	
The percentage of children in Residential Special Care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%
Number of children in Residential General Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	279			289			289	
The percentage of children in Residential General Care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	86.1%	90%	90%	89%	-1%	90%	89%	-1%
Number of children in Residential Care Out of State Secure Placement who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M				5			5	
The percentage of children in Residential Care Out of State Secure Placement who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M		100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%

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				Target/EAL YTD	Activity YTD	% var Activity YTD v Target/EAL YTD	Target/EAL this Month or Quarter	Actual this Month or Quarter	% var reported activity v Target/EAL this Month or Quarter
Number of children in Foster Care General who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	3,660			3,719			3,719	
The percentage of children in Foster Care General who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	88.4%	90%	90%	90%	0%	90%	90%	0%
Number of children in Foster Care with Relatives who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	1,585			1,654			1,654	
The percentage of children in Foster Care with Relatives who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	85.3%	90%	90%	88%	-2%	90%	88%	-2%
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	90			95			95	
The percentage of children in Other Care Placements who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	84.9%	90%	90%	90%	0%	90%	90%	0%

Appendix 2: Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014

Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014.	Data Timing
Early Years Services	
Number of early years services which received an annual or first inspection	Q
Percentage of early years services which received an annual or first inspection	Q
Number of notified full day early years service in operational areas	Q
Number of notified full day early years service in operational areas which received an annual or first inspection	Q
Percentage of full day early years services which received an annual or first inspection	Q
Number of early years services complaints received	Q
Percentage of complaints investigated	Q
Number of prosecutions taken of early years services during the reporting period (note rewording for clarity)	Q
Number of early years services which received an annual or first inspection	Q
Family Support Services	
The number of children referred to FSS by Social Work during the reporting period	Bi- Annual (Q2 & Q4)
The number of Families referred to FSS by Social Work during the reporting period	Bi- Annual (Q2 & Q4)
The number of children referred to FSS by Other Sources during the reporting period	Bi- Annual (Q2 & Q4)
The number of Families referred to FSS by Other Sources during the reporting period	Bi- Annual (Q2 & Q4)
The number of children in receipt of FSS at the end of the reporting period	Bi- Annual (Q2 & Q4)
The number of families in receipt of FSS at the end of the reporting period	Bi- Annual (Q2 & Q4)
Educational Welfare	
Number of children/families supported by Education Welfare Service interventions (statutory obligations) to address general school attendance/placement issues	Annual (Q4)
Number of children/families supported by Education Welfare Service interventions (statutory obligations) to address serious/chronic school attendance issues	Annual (Q4)
Children in Care in Education	
The number of children in care aged 6 to 16 inclusive (at the end of the reporting period)	Q
The number of children in care aged 6 to 16 inclusive (at the end of the reporting period) in full time education	Q
The percentage of children in care aged 6 to 16 inclusive (at the end of the reporting period) in full time education	Q
The number of children in care aged 17 (at the end of the reporting period)	Q
The number of children in care aged 17 (at the end of the reporting period) in full time education	Q
The percentage of children in care aged 17 (at the end of the reporting period) in full time education	Q
Children in Care: Residential and Foster Care	
The number of children in care overall at the end of the reporting period	M
The number of children in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in care in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M

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The number of children in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in care in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M
The number of children in Foster Care General at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in care in Foster Care General at the end of the reporting period	M
The number of children in Foster Care with Relatives at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in care in Foster Care with Relatives at the end of the reporting period	M
The number of children in Other Care Placements at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in care in Other Care Placements at the end of the reporting period	M
Children in Care: with an Allocated Social Worker	
Number of children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
% children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Residential Special Care with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Residential General Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Residential General Care with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Foster Care General who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Foster Care General with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Foster Care with Relatives who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Foster Care with Relatives with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Other Care Placements with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M
Children in Care: With a Written Care Plan	
Number of children in care overall who have an a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
% children in care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Residential Special Care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Residential General Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Residential General Care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Foster Care General who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Foster Care General who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Foster Care with Relatives who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M

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The percentage of children in Foster Care with Relatives who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
The percentage of children in Other Care Placements who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M
Foster Carers	
The total number of Foster carers General and Relative approved and on the Foster Care Panel (Part III Regs)	Q
The number of relative foster carers not approved at the end of the reporting period	Q
The number of relative foster carers where children have been placed for longer than 12 weeks whilst the foster carers are awaiting approval by the foster care panel (part III of Regs)	Q
The percentage of relative foster carers where children have been placed for longer than 12 weeks whilst the foster carers are awaiting approval by the foster care panel (part III of Regs)	Q
The number of relative foster carers not approved at the end of the reporting period who have a child placed with them (longer than 12 weeks) and have an allocated social worker	Q
The % of relative foster carers not approved at the end of the reporting period who have a child placed with them (longer than 12 weeks) and have an allocated social worker	Q
The number of relative foster carers not approved at the end of the reporting period who have a child placed with them (longer than 12 weeks) and DO NOT have an allocated social worker	Q
The % of relative foster carers not approved at the end of the reporting period who have a child placed with them (longer than 12 weeks) and DO NOT have an allocated social worker	Q
After Care	
The number of young adults aged 18 to 23 (inclusive) in receipt of an aftercare service on the last day of the reporting period	Q
The number of young adults aged 18 to 23 (inclusive) in receipt of an aftercare service on the last day of the reporting period who are in full time education	Q
The percentage of young adults aged 18 to 23 (inclusive) in receipt of an aftercare service who are in full time education on the last day of the reporting period	Q
The number of young adults aged 18 to 20 (inclusive) in receipt of an aftercare service on the last day of the reporting period	Q
The number of young adults aged 18 to 20 (inclusive) in receipt of an aftercare service on the last day of the reporting period who are in full time education	Q
The percentage of young adults aged 18 to 20 (inclusive) in receipt of an aftercare service who are in full time education on the last day of the reporting period	Q
Child Welfare	
The number of referrals of a child welfare concern	Q (In arrears)
The number of referrals of child welfare concerns where a preliminary enquiry took place within 24 hours	Q (In arrears)
The percentage of referrals of child welfare concerns where a preliminary enquiry took place within 24 hours	Q (In arrears)
The number of preliminary enquiries held (welfare concern referrals)	Q (In arrears)
The number of referrals of child welfare concerns which required an initial assessment following a preliminary enquiry	Q (In arrears)
The percentage of referrals of child welfare concerns which required an initial assessment following a preliminary enquiry	Q (In arrears)
The number of initial assessments completed within 21 days of receipt of the referral	Q (In arrears)
The percentage of initial assessments completed within 21 days of receipt of the referral	Q (In arrears)
Of the total number of child welfare concerns received during the reporting period that had an initial assessment; how many were recorded with an action: child protection	Q (In arrears)
Percentage of the total number of child welfare concerns received during the reporting period that had an initial assessment that were recorded with an action: child protection	Q (In arrears)

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Child Protection: Abuse referrals	
The number of referrals of child abuse	Q (In arrears)
The number of referrals of child abuse where a preliminary enquiry took place within 24 hours	Q (In arrears)
The percentage of referrals of child abuse where a preliminary enquiry took place within 24 hours	Q (In arrears)
The number of preliminary enquiries held (abuse referrals)	Q (In arrears)
The number of referrals of child abuse which required an initial assessment following a preliminary enquiry	Q (In arrears)
The percentage of referrals of child abuse which required an initial assessment following a preliminary enquiry	Q (In arrears)
The number of initial assessments completed within 21 days of receipt of the referral	Q (In arrears)
The percentage of initial assessments completed within 21 days of receipt of the referral	Q (In arrears)
Of the total number of child abuse received during the reporting period that had an initial assessment; how many were recorded with an action: child protection	Q (In arrears)
Percentage of the total number of child abuse received during the reporting period that had an initial assessment that were recorded with an action: child protection	Q (In arrears)
Child Protection: CPNS Listing	
The total number of children at the end of the reporting period who are currently listed as ACTIVE on the CPNS. (note: all children not just those listed during the quarter)	Q
Crisis Intervention Services CIS (Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow)	
Number of referrals made to the Crisis Intervention Service	Q
Number of children placed with the Crisis Intervention Service	Q
Out of Hours (excludes Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow)	
Number of referrals made to the Emergency Out of Hours Place of Safety Service	Q
Number of children placed with the Emergency Out of Hours Placement Service	Q
The total number of nights accommodation supplied by the Emergency Out of Hours Place of Safety Service	Q
Adoption	
Projected waiting time for assessment (i.e. from waiting list to the beginning of preparation) : Inter Country Adoption	Q
Total number of completed assessments during the reporting period : Inter Country Adoption	Q
Total number of completed assessments during the reporting period : Domestic Adoption	Q
Total number of Fostering to Adoption Assessments during the reporting period ; Domestic Adoption	
The number on waiting lists : Information & Tracing Services	Q
Average length of time from waiting list to allocation: Information & Tracing Services	Q
Key: Q = Reported Quarterly (March; June; September; December); Bi-Annual = Reported twice in the year Q2 (June) and Q4 (December); M = reported Monthly January to December: Annual = Reported in Q4 (December)	
Please note: Metrics relating to High Support have been discontinued as no child has been returned as placed in a High Support placement since May 2014.	