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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.

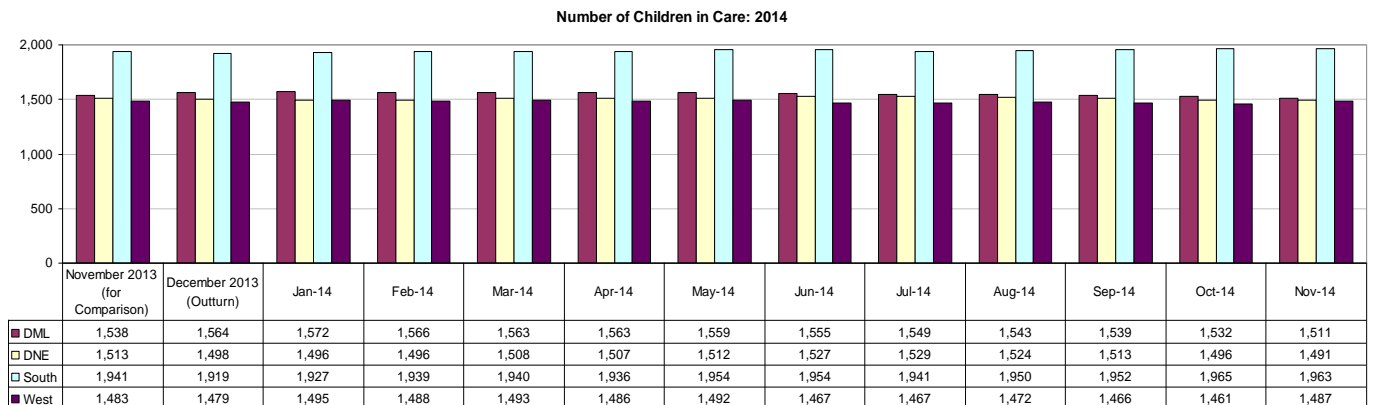
The establishment represents an opportunity to think differently, where appropriate to behave differently and to seek a wide range of views regarding the most effective way of working together to deliver a wide range of services for children and families. An approach which is responsive, inclusive and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

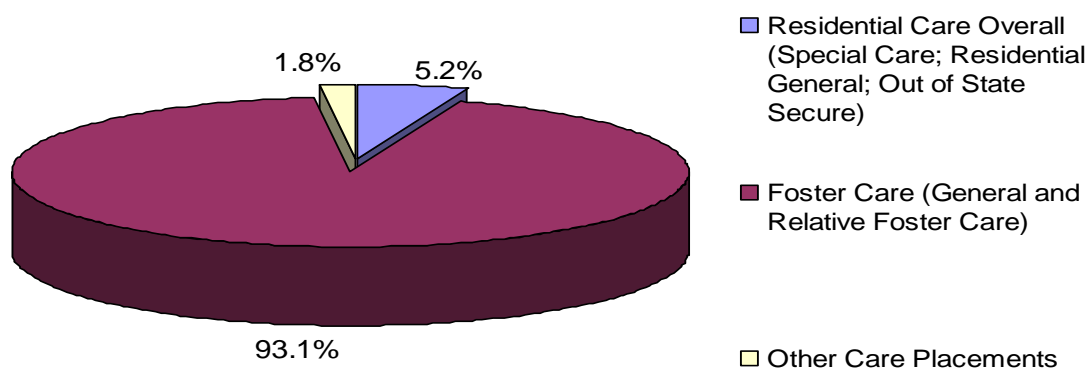
There were 6,452, children in care on 30th November 2014. This is a decrease of 2 (0.03%) over the October 2014 figure of 6,454. This figure also demonstrates a decrease of 23 (0.4%) from the November 2013 figure of 6,475.



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care November 2013	% of Children in Care November 2014	0-17 Population Census 2011	% of 0-17 Pop Census 2011	Children in Care per 10,000 U18 Population
Dublin South Central	395	6.1%	62,438	5.4%	63.3
Dublin South East/Wicklow	297	4.6%	81,991	7.1%	36.2
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	485	7.5%	102,800	8.9%	47.2
Midlands	334	5.2%	77,726	6.8%	43.0
Dublin City North	632	9.8%	72,666	6.3%	87.0
Dublin North	303	4.7%	63,256	5.5%	47.9
Louth/Meath	375	5.8%	87,562	7.6%	42.8
Cavan/Monaghan	181	2.8%	35,085	3.1%	51.6
Cork	937	14.5%	128,448	11.2%	72.9
Kerry	140	2.2%	34,940	3.0%	40.1
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	387	6.0%	57,800	5.0%	67.0
Waterford/Wexford	499	7.7%	71,608	6.2%	69.7
Mid West	594	9.2%	94,989	8.3%	62.5
Galway/Roscommon	483	7.5%	77,270	6.7%	62.5
Mayo	128	2.0%	32,514	2.8%	39.4
Donegal	191	3.0%	44,534	3.9%	42.9
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	91	1.4%	23,060	2.0%	39.5
National Total	6,452	100.0%	1,148,687	100.0%	56.2

Of the 6,452 children in care overall at the end of November 2014, 93% (6,004) are in a foster care placement. This figure includes 4,124 (64%) in foster care general and 1,880 (29%) in relative foster care. Further analysis and breakdown of care types is provided below.

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



20 (0.3%) of the 6,452 children in care on 30th November were in an out of state placement. This is an increase of 1 child from 19 the previous month. This figure comprises 5 children 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.

449 (7%/6,452) of children in care were in a private care placement. This is a decrease of 6 over the previous month (455/6,454; 7%).

Administrative Area	No of Children in Care November 2013	No of Children in Care November 2014 in a Private Residential Placement	No of Children in Care November 2014 in a Private Foster General Placement	No of Children in Care November 2014 in a Private Other Care Placement	Total No of Children in Care November 2014 in a Private Placement
Dublin South Central	395	18	53	0	71
Dublin South East/Wicklow	297	10	27	2	39
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	485	24	45	0	69
Midlands	334	13	25	0	38
Dublin City North	632	11	64	1	76
Dublin North	303	11	18	2	31
Louth/Meath	375	12	5	0	17
Cavan/Monaghan	181	3	0	0	3
Cork	937	27	9	2	38
Kerry	140	1	1	0	2
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	387	4	2	0	6
Waterford/Wexford	499	12	7	0	19
Mid West	594	4	8	4	16
Galway/Roscommon	483	2	0	2	4
Mayo	128	4	3	0	7
Donegal	191	3	1	0	4
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	91	7	2	0	9
National Total	6,452	166	270	13	449

Of the 449 children in a private care placement, 60% (270/449) were in foster care general; 36% (161/449) were in residential general; 3% (13/449) were in an other care placement, and 1% (5/449) were in a residential out of state secure placement.

i) Residential Special Care

Of all the children in care on the last day of November 2014, 0.2% (15/6,452) were in a residential special care placement. However, it should be noted that there were 16 children in care who were subject of a Special care Order (High Court). The 1 additional child subject to a Special Care Order was in a foster care general placement on the last day of November 2014 further to discharge from special care. The regional breakdown of these placements was as follows: Dublin Mid Leinster 0.3% (4/1,511) Dublin North East 0.3% (5/1,491); South 0.2% (4/1,963) and the West 0.1% (2/1,487).

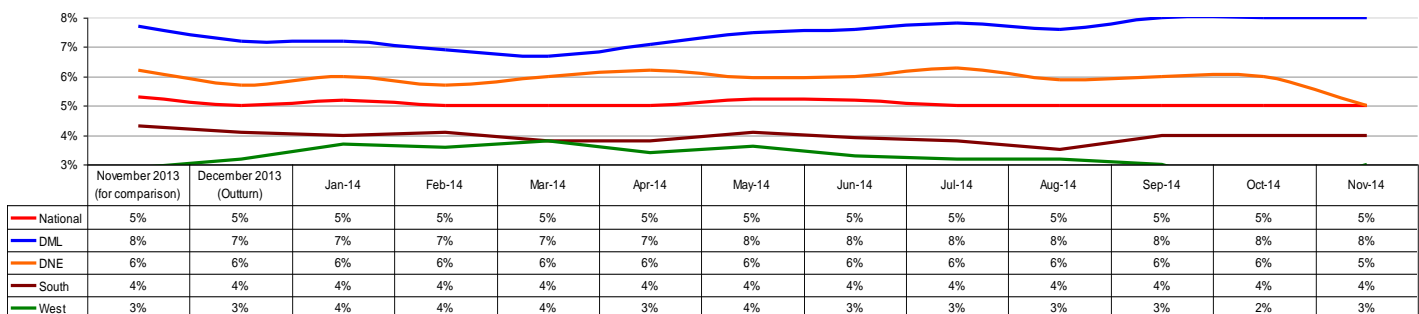
Special Care Unit	Location	Gender Mix of Unit	Capacity
Ballydowd	Dublin	Mixed Gender Unit	10
Coovagh House*	Limerick	Mixed Gender Unit	3
Gleann Alainn	Co Cork	Female Unit	4

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

ii) Residential General Care

5% (314) of all children in care (6,452) at the end of November were in a residential general placement.

Percentage of Children in Care in Residential General Care : 2014



Of the 314 children in care in a residential care general placement, 161 (51%) are in a private placement. This demonstrates an increase of 2 over the previous month's figure of 159 (50%). An increase of 21 from 140 (41%/340) has taken place since November 2013 in the use of this placement type.

The percentage breakdown of children in a residential general placement who are in a private placement in each region is: Dublin Mid Leinster 51% (62/121) a decrease of 3 since October; Dublin North East 44% (36/81) an increase of 1 over October; South 59% (43/73) an increase of 1 since October; and the West 51% (20/39), an increase of 3 on the previous month.

2% (6/314) of the children in residential care general placements at the end of November were in an out of state placement.

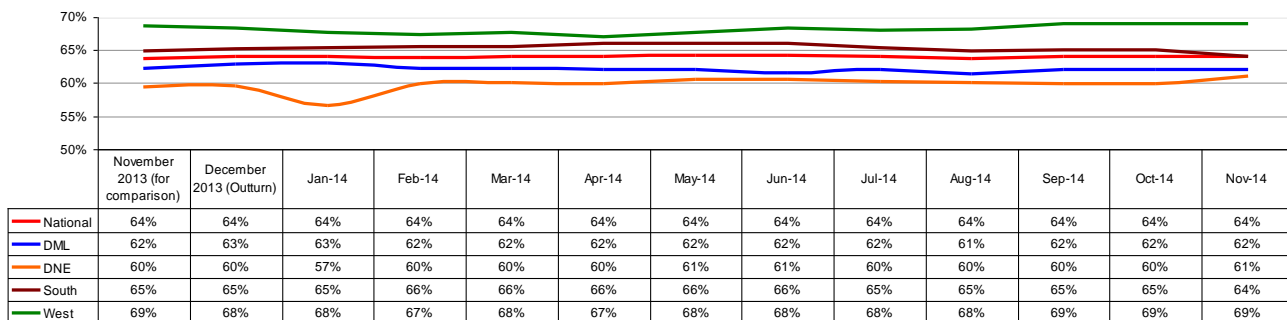
iii) Residential Out of State (Secure) Placement

At the end of November 0.1% (5) of all children in care (6,452) were in a residential out of state secure placement.

iv) Foster Care General (FCG)

64% (4,124) of all children in care (6,452) were in a foster care general placement at the end of November. This equates to an increase of 1 child in this placement type compared to the October 2014 figure (4,123), and a decrease of 17 children from the December 2013 figure of 4,140 in this placement type. The number of children in foster care general has decreased by 10 from the November 2013 figure of 4,133 (64%/6,475). 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



270 (7%) of all children in foster care general (4,124) were in a private placement. This is a decrease of 6 children in the last month, and an increase of 22 over the same period last year, from 248 (6% of all children in foster care general at that time).

The percentage of children in a private general foster care placement in each region was: Dublin Mid Leinster 16% (150/937) a decrease of 1; Dublin North East 10% (87/906) a decrease of 2¹; South 2% (19/1,261) a decrease of 1; and the West 1% (14/1,020) a decrease of 2 on the previous month.

¹ Part estimated for Louth/Meath using Oct data

0.1% (3/4,124) of children in foster care general placements at the end of November were in an out of state placement.

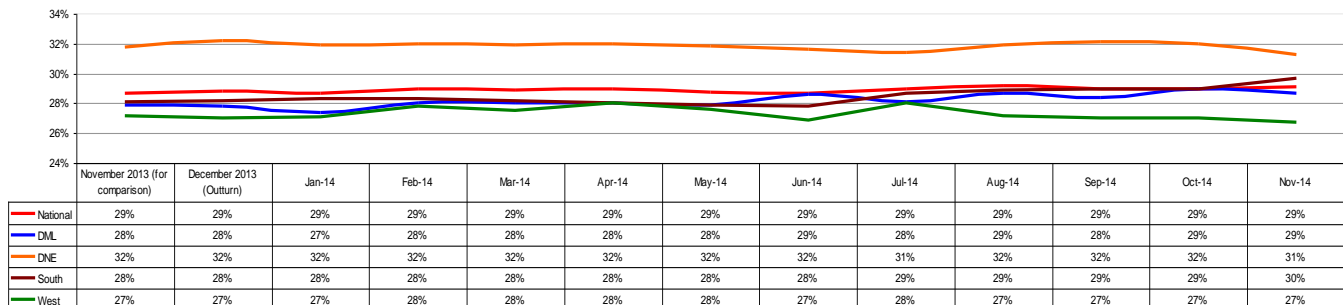
At the end of Q3 2014 (reported quarterly), there were 4,240 foster carers approved and on the Foster Care Panel (Part III Regs), a decrease of 6 from the previous Quarter (4,246). Of these 2,886 (68%) were categorised as foster care general (an increase of 1); 1,175 (28%) as relative foster carers (an increase of 30), and 179 (4%) as private carers (a decrease of 37 from 216 in Q2 2014).

Between June 2013 (2,866) and September 2014 (2,886) there was an increase of 20 in the number of foster carers (general) approved and on the Foster Carer Panel (Part III, Regs).

v) Foster Care with Relatives (FCWR)

29% (1,880) of all children in care (6,452) at the end of November were in a foster care with relative placement (FCWR). This is an increase of 2 over the previous month's figure in this placement type, and an increase of 21 on the November 2013 return of 1,859 (29%/6,475) of all children in care in that reporting period.

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



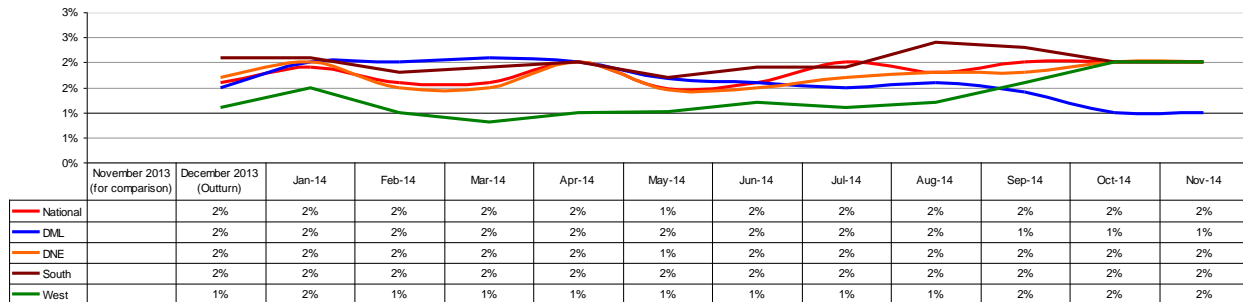
The percentage and number of children in care in a FCWR placement in each region are: DML 29% (433/1,511); DNE 31% (467/1,491); South 30% (583/1,963) and the West 27% (397/1,487).

0.2% (3/1,880) of the children in a foster care with relative placements at the end of November was in an out of state placement.

Vii) Other Care Placements

On the 30th November 2014, 2% (114/6,452) of all children in care were in an "other" care placement. This is a decrease of 3 over the October 2014 figure and an increase of 9 in the number of children in this placement type since November 2013 (105).

Percentage of Children in Care in Other Care Placements : 2014



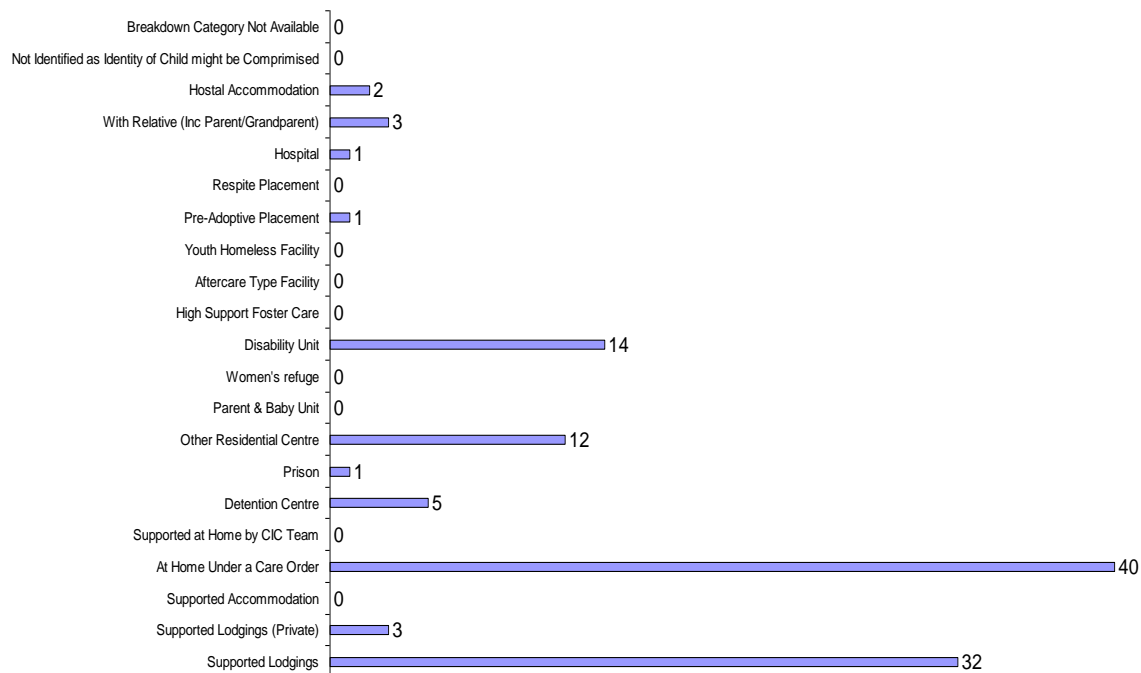
3% (3/114) of the children in other care placements at the end of November were in an out of state placement.

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 114 “other care” placements are shown in the chart below:

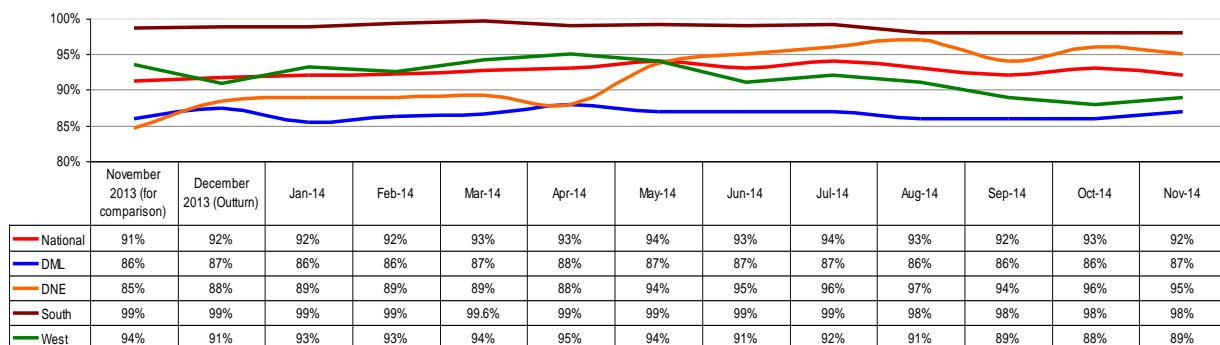
Children in Care in an Other Care Placement: November 2014



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. 92% (5,965) of children in care (6,452) were allocated a social worker at the end of November. This is an increase of 32 children from the December 2013 figures (5,933/6,460), but a decrease of 17 from October 2014 (5,982). This compares to 91.2% (5,906/6,475) of all children in care in November 2013, an increase of 59 children overall with an allocated worker in the last 12 months. The following is a regional and area breakdown of the % of children in care with an allocated social worker:

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



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care November 2013	No of Children in Care November 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker	% of Children in Care November 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker
Dublin South Central	395	370	94%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	297	282	95%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	485	376	78%
Midlands	334	284	85%
Dublin City North	632	603	95%
Dublin North	303	285	94%
Louth/Meath ²	375	342	91%
Cavan/Monaghan	181	181	100%
Cork	937	924	99%
Kerry	140	140	100%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	387	374	97%
Waterford/Wexford	499	481	96%
Mid West	594	499	84%
Galway/Roscommon	483	419	87%
Mayo	128	128	100%
Donegal	191	186	97%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	91	91	100%
National Total	6,452	5,965	92%

- DML: 87% (1,312/1,511). Performance was below 80% in Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow at 78% (376/485). No other Administrative Area

² Estimated – no data returns for November

demonstrated a performance below 80%. There are a high number of cases awaiting allocation in this area due to on going service pressures and staffing capacity.

- DNE: 95% (1,411/1,491). No Administrative Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Cavan Monaghan reached the target 100%. Louth Meath data estimated using October figures due to the non return of data arising from administrative pressures in the area and staff vacancies.
- South: 98% (1,919/1,963). No Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Kerry met the target (100%) the remaining areas returned greater than 96%.
- West: 89% (1,323/1,487). No Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Mayo and Sligo Leitrim West Cavan continued to meet the target (100%)

There are a number of social work posts which have been approved for filling. 192 posts nationally have been approved and are being processed by the National Recruitment Service. This is an increase of 17 on the previous month when 175 vacancies were approved. This represents an overall decrease of 1 in the last two months from 193 in September.

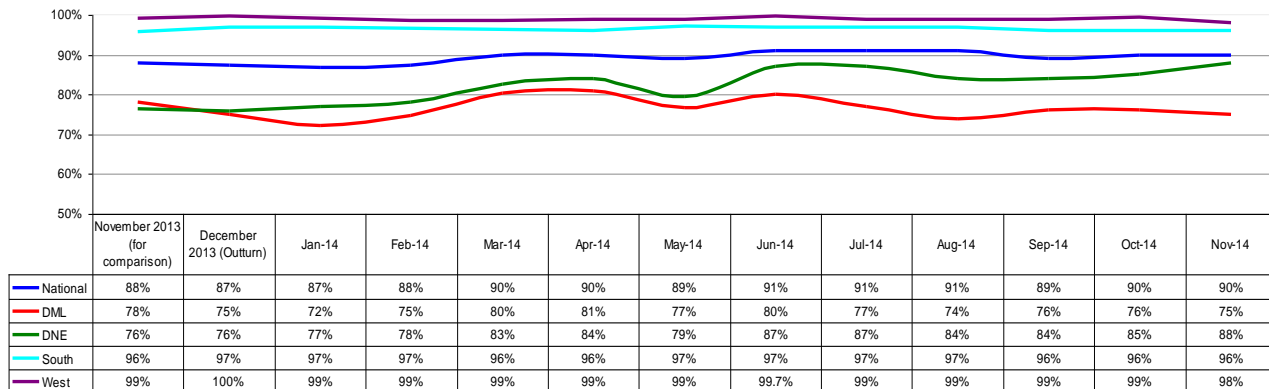
The increase in the last month can be broken down by region as follows: 69 in Dublin Mid Leinster an increase of 14); 56 in Dublin North East (a decrease of 10); 19 in the South (a decrease of 7) and 16 in the West (an increase of 12). In addition to existing approved vacancies, the absence of 86 (an increase of 7) social work staff on maternity leave (27 in DML; 24 in DNE; 19 in the South and 16 in the West) 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. There were 95 agency staff (this remained the same as previous month) employed to cover these 261 vacancies when maternity leaves are included.

Number of Children in Care by Placement Type with an Allocated Social Worker on 30 th November 2014	No of Children in Care November 2013	No of Children in Care November 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker	% of Children in Care November 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker
i. Residential Special Care	15	15	100%
ii. Residential General Care	314	305	97%
iii. Residential Out of State Secure Placement	5	5	100%
iv. Foster Care General	4,124	3,850	93%
v. Foster Care with Relatives	1,880	1,677	89%
vi. Other Care Placements	114	113	99%
National Total	6,452	5,965	92%

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 reached for November (5,793/6,452).

Percentage of Children in Care with a Written Care Plan : 2014



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care November 2014	No of Children in Care November 2014 with a Written Care Plan	% of Children in Care November 2014 with a Written Care Plan
Dublin South Central	395	207	52%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	297	213	72%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	485	374	77%
Midlands	334	334	100%
Dublin City North	632	573	91%
Dublin North	303	253	83%
Louth/Meath	375	344	92%
Cavan/Monaghan	181	140	77%
Cork	937	879	94%
Kerry	140	132	94%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	387	387	100%
Waterford/Wexford	499	494	99%
Mid West	594	592	100%
Galway/Roscommon	483	467	97%
Mayo	128	128	100%
Donegal	191	189	99%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	91	87	96%
National Total	6,452	5,793	90%

The November performance was up on the December 2013 percentage figure of 87%, and also showed an increase on the November 2013 figure of 88%. Overall the number of children at the end of November with an up to date care plan increased by 12 from 5,781 in October. The largest increase was observed in Cavan/Monaghan from 48% in the previous month. The % of children in care with a care plan in Dublin South Central decreased by a further 7% from 59% in October.

- DML: 75% (1,128/1,511); a decrease of 36 over the previous month. Performance was below 70% in Dublin South Central at 52% (207/395), a decrease of 27 from 234 (59%) in October. The Midlands (100%) exceeded the 90% target and the remaining two areas returned 72% and 77% (see table on p12).
- DNE: 88% (1,310/1,491) a 3% increase over previous month. Performance improvement was noted in Cavan Monaghan who returned 77% (140/181) following their October return of 48% (86/180). A service improvement plan is being implemented by the Area Manager to meet the target by year end. Dublin City North and Louth Meath exceeded the target of 90% (Louth Meath data estimated (e) using October figures).
- South 96% (1,892/1,963) no change over previous month. All areas exceeded the target of 90% with Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary returning 100%.
- West 98% (1,463/1,487) 1% decrease over previous month. The Mid-West and 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 30 th November 2014	No of Children in Care November 2014	No of Children in Care November 2014 with a Written Care Plan	% of Children in Care November 2014 with a Written Care Plan
i. Residential Special Care	15	15	100%
ii. Residential General Care	314	286	91%
iii. Residential Out of State Secure Placement	5	5	100%
iv. Foster Care General	4,124	3,721	90%
v. Foster Care with Relatives	1,880	1,662	88%
vi. Other Care Placements	114	104	91%
National Total	6,452	5,793	90%

1.4 Service Activity Data (Monthly)

i) The number of Open Cases by area

At the end of November 2014 there were 28,439 cases recorded as “open³”. This is an increase of 502 over the last month from 27,937 in October.

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases on 30/11/2014	Number of Open Cases Allocated on 30/11/2014	% of Open Cases Allocated on 30/11/2014
Dublin South Central	1,594	819	51.4%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	1,212	1,113	91.8%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2,269	1,056	46.5%
Midlands	1,890	1,155	61.1%
Dublin City North	1,873	1,569	83.8%
Dublin North	2,603	1,432	55.0%
Louth/Meath	1,809	1,031	57.0%
Cavan/Monaghan	631	349	55.3%
Cork	4,281	3,180	74.3%
Kerry	533	533	100.0%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	1,824	1,465	80.3%
Waterford/Wexford	2,135	1,499	70.2%
Mid West	1,883	1,533	81.4%
Galway/Roscommon	1,634	1,375	84.1%
Mayo	606	596	98.3%
Donegal	866	691	79.8%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	796	592	74.4%
National Total	28,439	19,988	70.3%

Of the 28,439 cases recorded as “open” 70.3% (19,988) have been allocated (see table above). The South at 8,773 or 31% has the highest number of open cases in the country, with the West having the lowest at 5,785 or 20%.

³ 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 (see section 1.2, p.10)

ii) The Number of Open Cases awaiting allocation

A total of 8,451 children were awaiting allocation on the 30th November 2014 nationally. Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow had the highest number of cases awaiting allocation nationally at 1,213. Both Dublin North (1,171) and Cork (1,101) has over 1000 children awaiting allocation to a social worker.

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases on 30/11/2014	Number of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 30/11/2014	% of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 30/11/2014
Dublin South Central	1,594	775	48.6%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	1,212	99	8.2%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2,269	1,213	53.5%
Midlands	1,890	735	38.9%
Dublin City North	1,873	304	16.2%
Dublin North	2,603	1,171	45.0%
Louth/Meath	1,809	778	43.0%
Cavan/Monaghan	631	282	44.7%
Cork	4,281	1,101	25.7%
Kerry	533	0	0.0%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	1,824	359	19.7%
Waterford/Wexford	2,135	636	29.8%
Mid West	1,883	350	18.6%
Galway/Roscommon	1,634	259	15.9%
Mayo	606	10	1.7%
Donegal	866	175	20.2%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	796	204	25.6%
National Total	28,439	8,451	29.7%

iii) The number of High Priority Open Cases awaiting allocation

DNE had the largest number of high priority cases awaiting allocation at 1,156, a decrease of 14 over last month's figures (1,170). This total has decreased by 77 since the beginning of the year (1,233). However, the overall number of cases awaiting allocation in DNE has increased from 2,407 at the end of Q4 2013 to 2,535 in November 2014, an increase of 128.

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/10/2014	Number of High Priority Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/10/2014	% of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/10/2014 that are High Priority
Dublin South Central	775	138	17.8%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	99	7	7.1%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	1,213	392	32.3%
Midlands	735	278	37.8%
Dublin City North	304	10	3.3%
Dublin North	1,171	529	45.2%
Louth/Meath	778	464	59.6%
Cavan/Monaghan	282	153	54.3%
Cork	1,101	211	19.2%
Kerry	0	0	
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	359	247	68.8%
Waterford/Wexford	636	193	30.3%
Mid West	350	47	13.4%
Galway/Roscommon	259	74	28.6%
Mayo	10	5	50.0%
Donegal	175	25	14.3%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	204	71	34.8%
National Total	8,451	2,844	33.7%

All cases awaiting allocation are regularly reviewed by a social work managers and responded to where immediate child protection concerns may arise. Children awaiting allocation are prioritised and allocated in accordance with priority based on known information and assessment of risk.

Appendix 1: National Performance Scorecard

National Performance Scorecard 2014: <u>November</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	6,452	-0.1%	6,460	6,452	-0.1%
The number of children in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M	25			15			15	
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%	-42%	0.4%	0.2%	-42%
The number of children in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M	324			314			314	
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			4,124			4,124	
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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The number of children in Foster Care with Relatives at the end of the reporting period	M	1,858			1,880			1,880	
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			114			114	
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			5,965			5,965	
% children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	91.8%	100%	100%	92%	-8%	100%	92%	-8%
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	25			15			15	
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			305			305	

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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%	97%	-3%	100%	97%	-3%
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			3,850			3,850	
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%	93%	-7%	100%	93%	-7%
Number of children in Foster Care with Relatives who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	1,661			1,677			1,677	
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%	89%	-11%	100%	89%	-11%
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	104			113			113	
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%	99%	-1%	100%	99%	-1%

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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			5,793			5,7983	
% children in care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	87.4%	90%	90%	90%	0%	90%	90%	0%
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	25			15			15	
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			286			286	
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%	91%	1%	90%	91%	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			3,721			3,721	
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			1,662			1,662	
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			104			104	
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%	91%	1%	90%	91%	1%

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.	