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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.

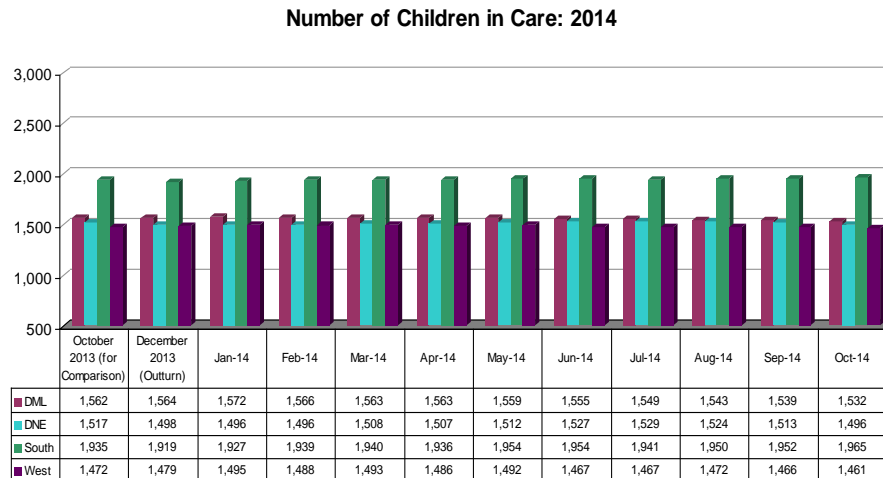
The establishment represents an opportunity to think differently, where appropriate to behave differently and to seek a wide range of views regarding the most effective way of working together to deliver a wide range of services for children and families. An approach which is responsive, inclusive and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

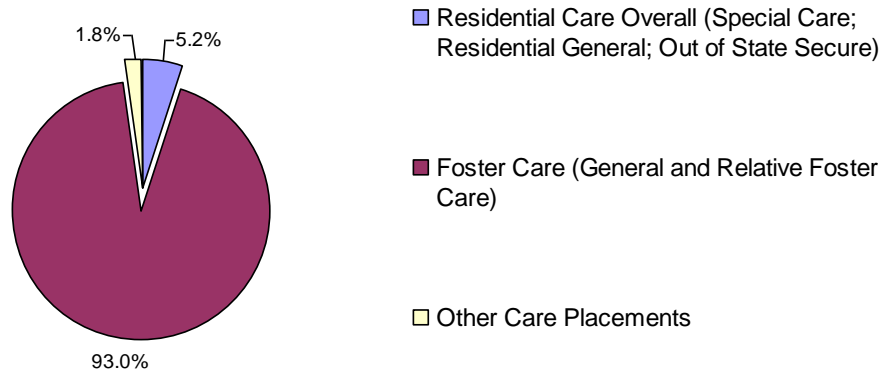
There were 6,454 children in care on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. This is a decrease of 16 (0.25%) over the September 2014 figure of 6,470 and of 32 (0.49%) from the October 2013 figure of 6,486.



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care October 2013	% of Children in Care October 2014	0-17 Population Census 2011	% of 0-17 Pop Census 2011	Children in Care per 10,000 U18 Population
Dublin South Central	396	6.1%	62,438	5.4%	63.4
Dublin South East/Wicklow	302	4.7%	81,991	7.1%	36.8
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	7.5%	102,800	8.9%	47.4
Midlands	347	5.4%	77,726	6.8%	44.6
Dublin City North	635	9.8%	72,666	6.3%	87.4
Dublin North	306	4.7%	63,256	5.5%	48.4
Louth/Meath	375	5.8%	87,562	7.6%	42.8
Cavan/Monaghan	180	2.8%	35,085	3.1%	51.3
Cork	932	14.4%	128,448	11.2%	72.6
Kerry	139	2.2%	34,940	3.0%	39.8
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	388	6.0%	57,800	5.0%	67.1
Waterford/Wexford	506	7.8%	71,608	6.2%	70.7
Mid West	587	9.1%	94,989	8.3%	61.8
Galway/Roscommon	472	7.3%	77,270	6.7%	61.1
Mayo	128	2.0%	32,514	2.8%	39.4
Donegal	185	2.9%	44,534	3.9%	41.5
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	89	1.4%	23,060	2.0%	38.6
<b>National Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,148,687</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>56.2</b>

Of the 6,454 children in care overall at the end of October 2014, 93% (6,001) are in a foster care placement. This figure includes 4,123 (64%) in foster care general and 1,878 (29%) in relative foster care. Further analysis and breakdown of care types is provided below.

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



19 (0.3%) of the 6,454 children in care on 31<sup>st</sup> October were in an out of state placement, a decrease of 2 children compared to 21 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 2 in 'other' care placements.

455 (7%/6,454) of children in care were in a private care placement, an increase of 16 over the previous month (439/6,470; 7%).

Administrative Area	No of Children in Care October 2013	No of Children in Care October 2014 in a Private Residential Placement	No of Children in Care October 2014 in a Private Foster General Placement	No of Children in Care October 2014 in a Private Other Care Placement	Total No of Children in Care October 2014 in a Private Placement
Dublin South Central	396	19	57	0	76
Dublin South East/Wicklow	302	11	27	2	40
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	24	40	1	65
Midlands	347	15	27	0	42
Dublin City North	635	11	65	1	77
Dublin North	306	12	19	2	33
Louth/Meath	375	10	5	0	15
Cavan/Monaghan	180	3	0	0	3
Cork	932	26	10	2	38
Kerry	139	0	1	0	1
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	388	4	2	0	6
Waterford/Wexford	506	13	7	0	20
Mid West	587	3	7	4	14
Galway/Roscommon	472	0	2	2	4
Mayo	128	3	4	0	7
Donegal	185	3	1	0	4
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	89	8	2	0	10
<b>National Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>455</b>

Of the 455 in a private care placement, 61% (276/455) were in foster care general; 35% (160/455) were in residential general; 3% (14/455) were in an other care placement, and 1% (5/455) were in a residential out of state secure placement.

### i) Residential Special Care

Of all the children in care at the end of October, 0.2% (15/6,454) were in a residential special care placement. The regional breakdown of these placements was as follows: Dublin Mid Leinster 0.4% (4/1,532) Dublin North East 0.3% (5/1,496); South 0.1% (2/1,965) and the West 0.3% (4/1,461).

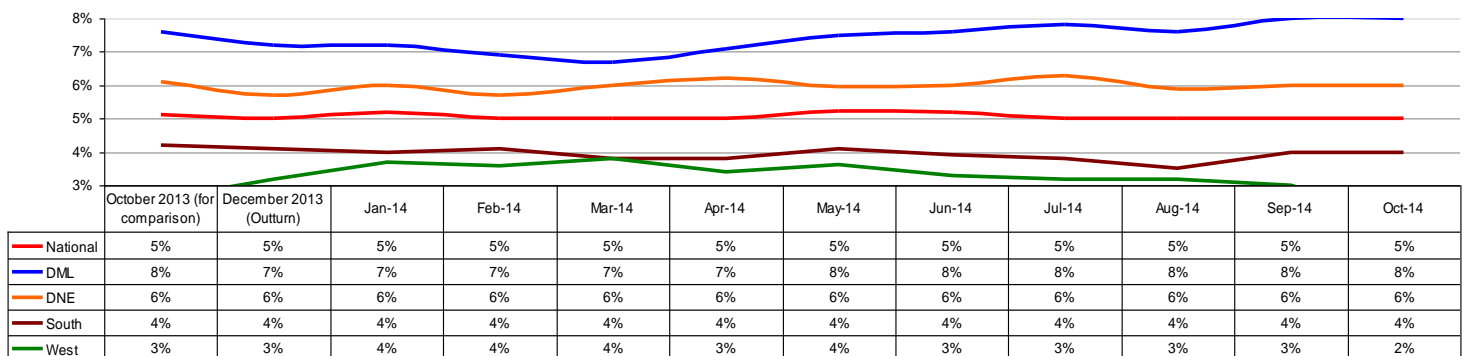
Special Care Unit	Location	Gender Mix of Unit	Capacity
Ballydowd	Dublin	Mixed Gender Unit	10
Coovagh House*	Limerick	Mixed Gender Unit	3
Gleann Alainn	Co Cork	Female Unit	4

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

### ii) Residential General Care

5% (316) of all children in care (6,454) at the end of October were in a residential general placement.

Percentage of Children in Care in Residential General Care : 2014



Of the 316 children in care in a residential care general placement, 159 (50%) are in a private placement. There has been no change in those placed in a private residential centre in the last month; however there is an increase of 8 since August (152). An increase of 32 from 127 (38%/332) in October 2013 has been noted 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 54% (65/121) an

increase of 4 since September; Dublin North East 42% (35/84) no increase since September; South 55% (42/76) no increase since September; and the West 49% (17/35), a decrease of 4 on the previous month.

2% (6/316) of the children in residential care general placements at the end of October were in an out of state placement.

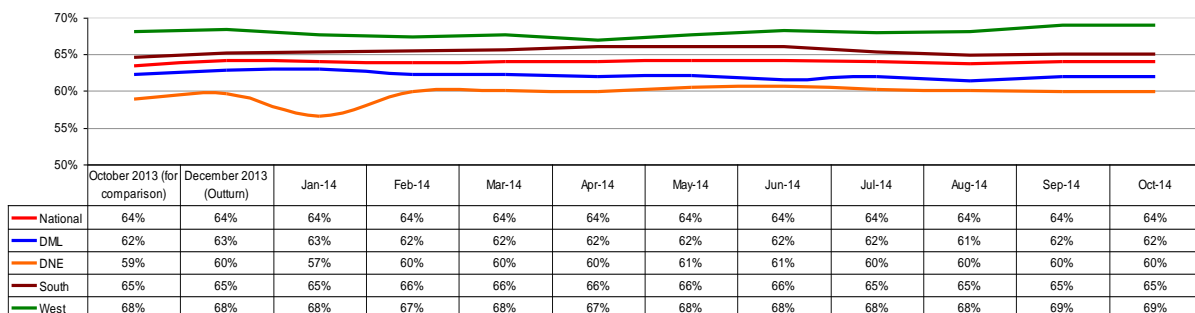
### iii) Residential Out of State (Secure) Placement

At the end of October 0.1% (5) of all children in care (6,454) were in a residential out of state secure placement.

### iv) Foster Care General (FCG)

64% (4,123) of all children in care (6,454) at the end of October were in a foster care general placement. This equates to a decrease of 5 children in this placement type compared to the October 2014 figure (4,128) and a decrease of 17 children from the December 2013 figure of 4,140. The number of children in foster care general has decreased by 5 from the October 2013 figure of 4,118 (64%/6,486). The percentage of children in care in a foster general placement has remained constant at 64%.

Percentage of Children in Care in Foster Care General : 2014



276 (7%) of all children in foster care general (4,123) were in a private placement at the end of October 2014. This is an increase of 11 children in the last month who were placed in a private placement and demonstrates an increase of 36 over the same period last year from 240 (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% (151/947) an increase of 5; Dublin North East 10% (89/900) an increase of 4; South 2% (20/1,270) no change; and the West 1% (16/1,006) an increase of 2 on the previous month.

0.1% (3/4,123) of children in foster care general placements at the end of October were in an out of state placement.

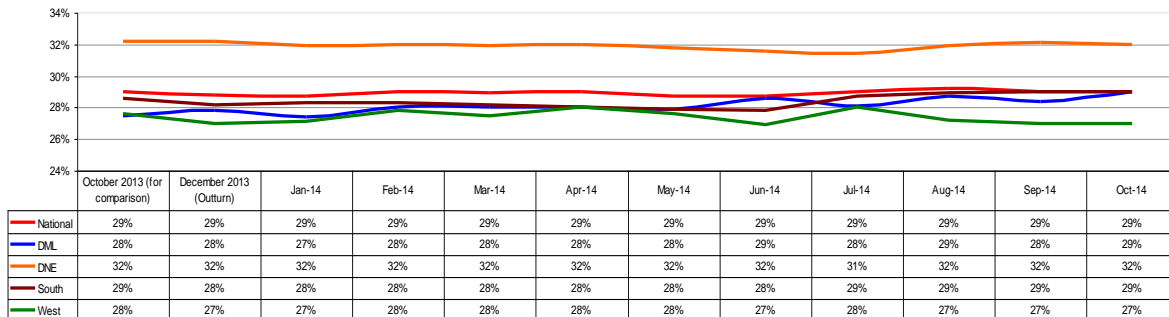
At the end of Q3 2014 (reported quarterly) there were 4,240 foster carers approved and on the Foster Care Panel (Part III Regs), a decrease of 6 from the previous Quarter (4,246). Of these 2,886 (68%) were categorised as foster care general (an increase of 1); 1,175 (28%) as relative foster carers (an 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% (1,878) of all children in care (6,454) at the end of October were in a foster care with relative placement (FCWR). Based on the overall numbers of children in care, this represents no decrease over the previous months figure however it does reflect a decrease of 15 Children in this placement type when compared to August 2014 (1,893), and a decrease of 1 on the October 2013 return of 1,879 (29%/6,486) 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 298% (438/1,532); DNE 32% (476/1,496); South 29% (575/1,965) and the West 27% (389/1,461).

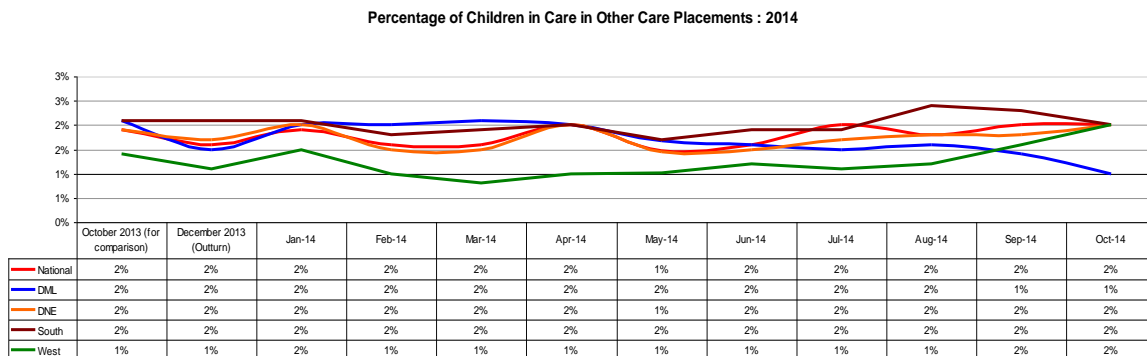
0.2% (3/1,878) of the children in a foster care with relative placements at the end of October were in an out of state placement.

#### Vii) Other Care Placements

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, 2% (117/6,454) of all children in care were in an “other” care placement, this demonstrates no change from the September 2014 figure. A decrease of 6 in the number of children in this placement type has occurred since October 2013 (123).



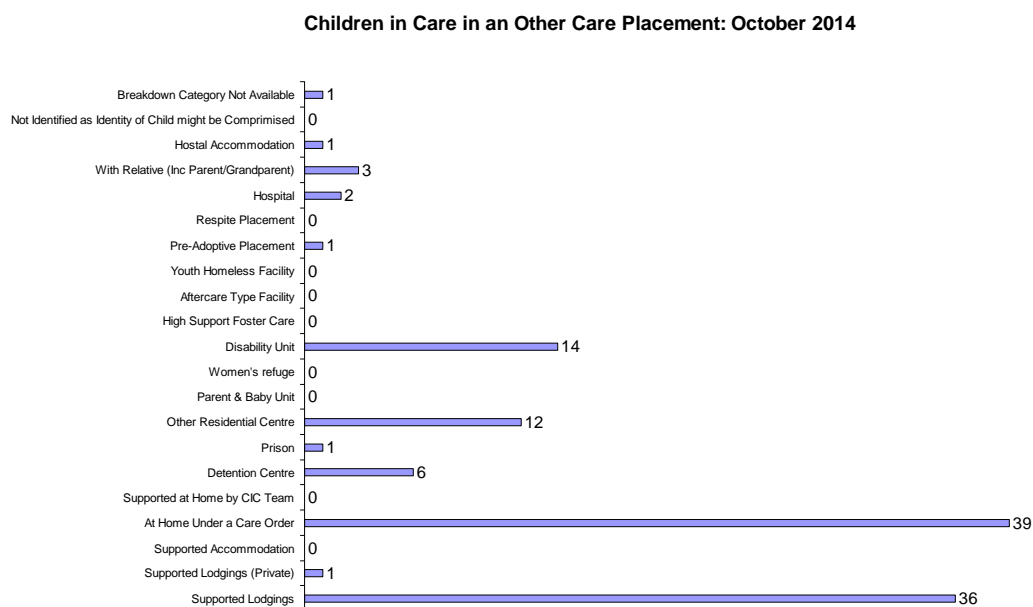
2% (2/117) of the children in other care placements at the end of October were in an out of state placement. These 2 placements were provided through the private sector (supported lodgings).



Some examples of “Other Care Placements” include:

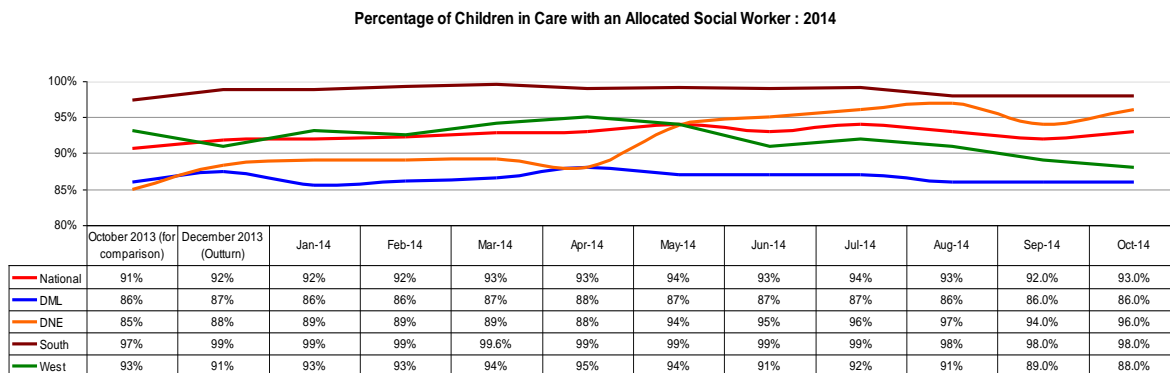
- Children who may be at home on a care order under supervision as part of a re-unification plan;
- Young people subject to a care order but currently in a detention centre due to their offending behaviour;
- Young people placed in supported lodgings;
- Placement in a residential centre for young people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

A breakdown of the return for the 117 “other care” placements are shown in the chart below:



## 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% (5,982) of children in care (6,454) were allocated a social worker at the end of October, an increase of 49 children from the December 2013 figures (5,933/6,460), but a decrease of 1 from September 2014 (5,983). This compares to 90.7% (5,886/6,486) of all children in care in October 2013, an increase of 96 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 on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014:



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care October 2013	No of Children in Care October 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker	% of Children in Care October 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker
Dublin South Central	396	370	93%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	302	285	94%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	378	78%
Midlands	347	290	84%
Dublin City North	635	602	95%
Dublin North	306	289	94%
Louth/Meath	375	367	98%
Cavan/Monaghan	180	180	100%
Cork	932	919	99%
Kerry	139	139	100%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	388	388	100%
Waterford/Wexford	506	484	96%
Mid West	587	475	81%
Galway/Roscommon	472	414	88%
Mayo	128	128	100%
Donegal	185	185	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	89	89	100%
<b>National Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>5,982</b>	<b>93%</b>

- DML: 86% (1,323/1,532). Performance was below 80% in Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow at 78% (378/487). No other Area demonstrated a performance below 80%.
- DNE: 96% (1,438/1,496). No area demonstrated a performance below 80%.

- South: 98% (1,930/1,965). No Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Kerry and Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary met the target (100%) the remaining areas returned greater than 96%.
- West: 88% (1,291/1,461). No Area demonstrated a performance below 80%. Mayo; Donegal and Sligo Leitrim West Cavan continued to meet the target (100%)

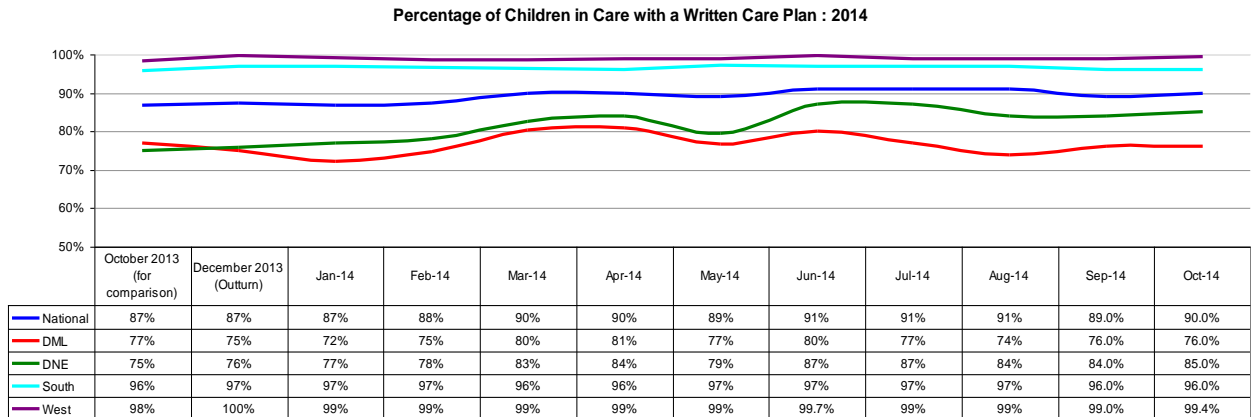
There are a number of social work posts which have been approved for filling. 175 posts nationally have been approved and are being processed by the National Recruitment Service. This is a decrease of 18 on the previous month when 193 vacancies were approved. This represents an overall increase of 27 in the last two months from 148 in August.

The decrease in the last month can be broken down by region as follows: 55 in Dublin Mid Leinster (a decrease of 5); 66 in Dublin North East (an increase of 7); 26 in the South (a decrease of 9) and 28 in the West (a decrease of 11). In addition to existing approved vacancies, the absence of 79 (an increase of 2) social work staff on maternity leave (30 in DML; 20 in DNE; 14 in the South and 15 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 254 vacancies when maternity leaves are included.

Number of Children in Care by Placement Type with an Allocated Social Worker on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	No of Children in Care October 2013	No of Children in Care October 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker	% of Children in Care October 2014 with an Allocated Social Worker
i. Residential Special Care	14	14	100%
ii. Residential General Care	317	307	97%
iii. Residential Out of State Secure Placement	5	5	100%
iv. Foster Care General	4,123	3,863	94%
v. Foster Care with Relatives	1,878	1,682	90%
vi. Other Care Placements	117	111	95%
<b>National Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>5,982</b>	<b>93%</b>

### 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 October (5,781/6,454).



Administrative Area	No of Children in Care October 2013	No of Children in Care October 2014 with a Written Care Plan	% of Children in Care October 2014 with a Written Care Plan
Dublin South Central	396	234	59%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	302	222	74%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	487	361	74%
Midlands	347	347	100%
Dublin City North	635	588	93%
Dublin North	306	249	81%
Louth/Meath	375	350	93%
Cavan/Monaghan	180	86	48%
Cork	932	877	94%
Kerry	139	130	94%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	388	388	100%
Waterford/Wexford	506	497	98%
Mid West	587	579	99%
Galway/Roscommon	472	472	100%
Mayo	128	128	100%
Donegal	185	185	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	89	88	99%
<b>National Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>90%</b>

The October performance was up on the December 2013 figure of 87%, and showed a decrease on the October 2013 figure of 91%. The overall number of children with an up to date care plan increased by 9 from 5,772 in September.

- DML: 76% (1,164/1,532); no change over the previous month. Performance was below 70% in Dublin South Central at 59% (234/396), a decrease of 11 from 254 (62%) in September and a decrease of 35 from the August reported figure (269/69%). The Midlands (100%) exceeded the 90% target and the remaining two areas returned 74%.
- DNE: 85% (1,273/1,496) a 1% increase over previous month. Performance was below 70% in Cavan Monaghan at 48% (86/180) an improvement over the previous month. This is of concern in the context of 100% SW allocation since May 2014. A service improvement plan is being implemented by the Area Manager to meet the target by year end. Dublin City North and Louth Meath met the target of 90%.
- South 96% (1,892/1,965) no change over previous month. All areas exceeded the target of 90% with Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary returning 100%.
- West 99% (1,452/1,461) no change over previous month. Galway Roscommon, Mayo and Donegal 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 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	No of Children in Care October 2013	No of Children in Care October 2014 with a Written Care Plan	% of Children in Care October 2014 with a Written Care Plan
i. Residential Special Care	14	14	14
ii. Residential General Care	317	317	284
iii. Residential Out of State Secure Placement	5	5	5
iv. Foster Care General	4,123	4,123	3,701
v. Foster Care with Relatives	1,878	1,878	1,672
vi. Other Care Placements	117	117	105
<b>National Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>5,781</b>

## 1.4 Service Activity Data (Monthly)<sup>1</sup>

### i) The number of Open Cases by area

At the end of October 2014 there were 27,937 cases recorded as “open<sup>2</sup>” to social work team across the country. This demonstrates an increase of 664 in the past month, from 27,273 in September.

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases on 31/10/2014	Number of Open Cases Allocated on 31/10/2014	% of Open Cases Allocated on 31/10/2014
Dublin South Central	1,557	852	54.7%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	1,061	974	91.8%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2,310	1,055	45.7%
Midlands	1,838	1,126	61.3%
Dublin City North	1,807	1,634	90.4%
Dublin North	2,632	1,491	56.6%
Louth/Meath	1,831	1,035	56.5%
Cavan/Monaghan	661	379	57.3%
Cork	4,126	3,019	73.2%
Kerry	549	549	100.0%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	1,834	1,430	78.0%
Waterford/Wexford	1,959	1,367	69.8%
Mid West	1,877	1,631	86.9%
Galway/Roscommon	1,689	1,412	83.6%
Mayo	602	602	100.0%
Donegal	883	677	76.7%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	721	543	75.3%
<b>National Total</b>	<b>27,937</b>	<b>19,776</b>	<b>70.8%</b>

Of the 27,937 cases recorded as “open” 70.8% (19,776) have been allocated (see table above). The South at 8,468 or 30% has the highest number of open cases in the country, with the West having the lowest at 5,772 or 21%.

<sup>1</sup> Please note: this is the first month that this information has been included in the monthly performance report.

<sup>2</sup> Open cases include referrals relating to children where there are children protection concerns and referrals concerning welfare children expressing welfare concerns. This total also includes children in care (see section 1.2, p.10)

## ii) The Number of Open Cases awaiting allocation

Of the 27,768 open cases on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, 29% or 8,161 cases were awaiting allocation.

Administrative Area	Number of Open Cases on 31/10/2014	Number of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/10/2014	% of Open Cases Awaiting Allocation on 31/10/2014
Dublin South Central	1,557	705	45.3%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	1,061	87	8.2%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2,310	1,255	54.3%
Midlands	1,838	712	38.7%
Dublin City North	1,807	173	9.6%
Dublin North	2,632	1,141	43.4%
Louth/Meath	1,831	796	43.5%
Cavan/Monaghan	661	282	42.7%
Cork	4,126	1,107	26.8%
Kerry	549	0	0.0%
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	1,834	404	22.0%
Waterford/Wexford	1,959	592	30.2%
Mid West	1,877	246	13.1%
Galway/Roscommon	1,689	277	16.4%
Mayo	602	0	0.0%
Donegal	883	206	23.3%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	721	178	24.7%
<b>National Total</b>	<b>27,937</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>29.2%</b>

Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow demonstrated the highest percentage of open cases awaiting allocation with 54.3% (1,255) cases awaiting allocation; Kerry and Mayo were the only areas in the country with no cases awaiting allocation.

### iii) The number of High Priority Open Cases awaiting allocation

DNE had the largest number of high priority cases awaiting allocation at 1,170. This has decreased by 63 since the beginning of the year (1,233). All cases awaiting allocation nationally are prioritised and responded to where immediate child protection concerns arise. They are reviewed regularly by a social work manager. Each area must have a protocol in place for the management of cases awaiting allocation.

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	705	137	19.4%
Dublin South East/Wicklow	87	16	18.4%
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	1,255	410	32.7%
Midlands	712	227	31.9%
Dublin City North	173	15	8.7%
Dublin North	1,141	516	45.2%
Louth/Meath	796	492	61.8%
Cavan/Monaghan	282	147	52.1%
Cork	1,107	220	19.9%
Kerry	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny/South Tipperary	404	255	63.1%
Waterford/Wexford	592	182	30.7%
Mid West	246	49	19.9%
Galway/Roscommon	277	69	24.9%
Mayo	0	0	0
Donegal	206	29	14.1%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	178	65	36.5%
<b>National Total</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>34.7%</b>



## Appendix 1: National Performance Scorecard

National Performance Scorecard 2014: <u>October</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
<b>Children in Care: Residential and Foster Care</b>	<b>M</b>		Estimated Activity Levels						
The number of children in care overall at the end of the reporting period	M	6,460	6,460	6,460	<b>6,454</b>	-0.1%	6,460	<b>6,454</b>	-0.1%
The number of children in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M	25			<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>	
The percentage of children in care in Residential Special Care at the end of the reporting period	M	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	<b>0.2%</b>	-42%	0.4%	<b>0.2%</b>	-42%
The number of children in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M	324			<b>316</b>			<b>316</b>	
The percentage of children in care in Residential General Care at the end of the reporting period	M	5.0%	5%	5%	<b>5%</b>	0%	5%	<b>5%</b>	0%
The number of children in Residential Out of State Secure Placement at the end of the reporting period	M				<b>5</b>			<b>5</b>	
The percentage of children in care in Residential Out of State Secure Placement at the end of the reporting period	M				<b>0.1%</b>			<b>0.1%</b>	
The number of children in Foster Care General at the end of the reporting period	M	4,140			<b>4,123</b>			<b>4,123</b>	
The percentage of children in care in Foster Care General at the end of the reporting period	M	64.1%	64%	64%	<b>64%</b>	0%	64%	<b>64%</b>	0%

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The number of children in Foster Care with Relatives at the end of the reporting period	M	1,858			<b>1,878</b>			<b>1,878</b>	
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%	<b>29%</b>	1%	28.8%	<b>29%</b>	1%
The number of children in Other Care Placements at the end of the reporting period	M	106			<b>117</b>			<b>117</b>	
The percentage of children in care in Other Care Placements at the end of the reporting period	M	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	<b>2%</b>	7%	1.7%	<b>2%</b>	7%
<b>Children in Care: with an Allocated Social Worker</b>	<b>M</b>								
Number of children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	5,933			<b>5,982</b>			<b>5,982</b>	
% children in care overall who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	91.8%	100%	100%	<b>93%</b>	100%	-7%	<b>93%</b>	-7%
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	25			<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>	
The percentage of children in Residential Special Care with an Allocated Social Worker at the end of the reporting period	M	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>	0%	100%	<b>100%</b>	0%
Number of children in Residential General Care who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	313			<b>306</b>			<b>306</b>	

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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%	<b>97%</b>	-3%	100%	<b>97%</b>	-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				<b>5</b>			<b>5</b>	
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%	<b>100%</b>	0%	100%	<b>100%</b>	0%
Number of children in Foster Care General who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	3,823			<b>3,863</b>			<b>3,863</b>	
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%	<b>94%</b>	-6%	100%	<b>94%</b>	-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			<b>1,682</b>			<b>1,682</b>	
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%	<b>90%</b>	-10%	100%	<b>90%</b>	-10%
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have an allocated social worker at the end of the reporting period	M	104			<b>111</b>			<b>111</b>	
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%	<b>95%</b>	-5%	100%	<b>95%</b>	-5%

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<b>Children in Care: With a Written Care Plan</b>	<b>M</b>								
Number of children in care overall who have an a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	5,646			<b>5,781</b>			<b>5,781</b>	
% children in care who currently have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	87.4%	90%	90%	<b>90%</b>	0%	90%	<b>90%</b>	0%
Number of children in Residential Special Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	25			<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>	
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%	<b>100%</b>	0%	100%	<b>100%</b>	0%
Number of children in Residential General Care who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	279			<b>283</b>			<b>283</b>	
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%	<b>90%</b>	0%	90%	<b>90%</b>	0%
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				<b>5</b>			<b>5</b>	
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%	<b>100%</b>	0%	100%	<b>100%</b>	0%

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Number of children in Foster Care General who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	3,660			<b>3,701</b>			<b>3,701</b>	
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%	<b>90%</b>	0%	90%	<b>90%</b>	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			<b>1,672</b>			<b>1,672</b>	
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%	<b>89%</b>	-1%	90%	<b>89%</b>	-1%
Number of children in Other Care Placements who have a written care plan at the end of the reporting period	M	90			<b>105</b>			<b>105</b>	
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%	<b>90%</b>	0%	90%	<b>90%</b>	0%
<b>Measure the Pressure Data</b>	<b>M</b>								
The number of Open cases at the end of the reporting period	M				<b>27,937</b>			<b>27,937</b>	
The number of open cases at the end of the reporting period awaiting allocation					<b>8,161</b>			<b>8,161</b>	

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The percentage of open cases at the end of the reporting period awaiting allocation					<b>29.2%</b>			<b>29.2%</b>	
The number of High Priority open cases at the end of the reporting period awaiting allocation					<b>2,829</b>			<b>2,829</b>	
Of the overall number of open cases at the end of the reporting period awaiting allocation; the percentage of these that are categorised as High Priority					<b>34.7%</b>			<b>34.7%</b>	

## Appendix 2: Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014

<b>Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014.</b>	<b>Data Timing</b>
<b>Early Years Services</b>	
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
<b>Family Support Services</b>	
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)
<b>Educational Welfare</b>	
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)
<b>Children in Care in Education</b>	
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
<b>Children in Care: Residential and Foster Care</b>	
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

<b>Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014.</b>	<b>Data Timing</b>
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
<b>Children in Care: with an Allocated Social Worker</b>	
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
<b>Children in Care: With a Written Care Plan</b>	
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



<b>Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014.</b>	<b>Data Timing</b>
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
<b>Foster Carers</b>	
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
<b>After Care</b>	
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
<b>Child Welfare</b>	
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)

<b>Schedule of Metric Reporting 2014.</b>	<b>Data Timing</b>
<b>Child Protection: Abuse referrals</b>	
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)
<b>Child Protection: CPNS Listing</b>	
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
<b>Crisis Intervention Services CIS (Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow)</b>	
Number of referrals made to the Crisis Intervention Service	Q
Number of children placed with the Crisis Intervention Service	Q
<b>Out of Hours (excludes Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow)</b>	
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
<b>Adoption</b>	
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
<b>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)</b>	
<b>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.</b>	