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The Early Years Regulatory Enforcement Process- Outcomes

Children's Services Regulation

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# Aim: Approach adopted

to carry out a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the regulatory enforcement process over a two-year period from January 2018 to December 2019.

Data:

- Early Years Inspection reports, in 2018 (1,557 reports) and 2019 (1,389 reports) for Immediate Action Notices and Conditions attached to services.
- A random sample of 500 noncompliant regulations for the analysis of corrective and preventative actions
- Data linkage with the EYI register to enable analysis by additional areas e·g· status of the service, number of personnel etc·



# **Regulatory enforcement process**

Legal proceedings Removal from register

Regulatory enforcement meetings

Attach or ammend registration conditions

**Regulatory compliance meeting** 

**Immediate action notices** 

Correction & preventative action (CAPA)

Inspection

Registration



#### **Corrective and preventive actions**

85.8% of noncompliant regulations resulted in verified improvements in the service and a further 3.6% of improvements would be verified at the next inspection

11% of regulations remained noncompliant at the end of the CAPA process suggesting that insufficient improvements had been made Improvements to the service as a result of this process were identified in respect of:

- ✓ The governance of the service,
  - ✓ The health, welfare and development of the child,
- √ Safety,
- ✓ Premises and facilities.



## **Immediate action notices**

197 immediate action

notices in respect of

2019

regulations assessed in

2018 reports and 110 in

Notices

Most likely to be identified in reports of inspections in:

Full daycare services: 73.6% of notices issued in 2018 and 56.4% in 2019 (Full daycare accounted for 35% of services in 2018)

DML region: 31% in 2018 and 32.7% in 2019 (DML accounted for 28% of services in 2018)

Services with 0 to 5 employees: accounted for about half of all immediate action notices issued (Accounted for 66.4% of services in 2018)

Private services : 78.6% in 2018 and 82.5% in 2019 (accounted for 76% of services in 2018)



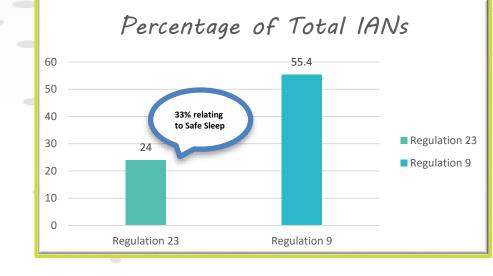
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## **Immediate action notices**

Services where immediate action notices are issued are more likely to be noncompliant.

The mean average number of noncompliant regulations in these reports was 5.14 compared with about 1.8 found in the overall analysis of reports.

79% of IANs relate to Regulation 9 (Management and recruitment) and Regulation 23 (Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of the child)



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#### **Conditions attached to the service**

Conditions were attached to 206 services (13.2%) in 2018 140 services (10%) in the 2019 analysis

Reports of services with conditions attached have, on average, a higher number of noncompliant regulations (4.29 in 2018 and 2019) compared with reports of services where a condition is not attached. The regulations most likely to be identified are Regulation 9 (87 in 2018 and 49 in 2019) and Regulation 23 (64 in 2018 and 34 in 2019)

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## **Removal from the register**

