

Demand – referrals to the Placement Team April 2018 to September 2018

Demand – volume of referrals received:

- 146 referrals received
- 58% of these referrals required a placement
- 42% of these referrals did not require a placement

Demand – age:

- 37% of the referrals received were for children aged 0 to 4 and 11 to 17 years of age.
- 26% of the referrals received were for children aged 5 to 10 years of age.

40% of the referrals received for the 0 to 4 years age band did not require a placement.

Demand – volume of placements made by age:

- 40% of the total placements made were for 11 to 17 year olds.
- 35% of the total placements made were for 0 to 4 year olds.
- 25% of the total placements made were for 5 to 10 year olds.

Demand – category of placements:

- 59.7% of the placements made were for Standard Fostering (2.1)
- 23% of the placements made were for Specialist Fostering (2.2)
- 2% of the placements made were for Specialist Disability Fostering (2.3)
- 1% of the placements made were for Specialist Disability Complex Health Needs (2.4), Standard Fostering Parent and Child (2.1) and Specialist Fostering Parent and Child (2.2).

The highest number of trawls undertaken was for children requiring a 2.2 Specialist Fostering Placement.

Demand – category of need:

- 77.9% of the total referrals were for Standard Fostering (2.1).
- 17.9% of the total referrals were for Specialist Fostering (2.2)
- 2.1% of the total referrals were for Specialist Fostering Disabilities (2.3)
- 0.7% of the total referrals were for Specialist Disability Fostering Complex Health Needs (2.4), Standard Parent and Child (2.1) and Specialist Parent and Child (2.2)

KEY:**Definition of Placement Category**

- **Category 2.1 Standard Fostering Provision**

Standard fostering placements will be required for Children and Young People who have not been assessed as having significant complex and specialist needs and who are not in need of consistent and/or intensive intervention for longer periods of time.

- **Category 2.2 Specialist fostering provisions**

As per standard placements, with additional requirements to support Children and Young People who have more acute and complex needs.

- Support in relation to issues of continuous missing, significant challenging and risk taking behaviours both to themselves and others.
- Step down from Children's homes
- Prevention into Children's homes
- Complex contact needs
- Support in relation to significant attachment issues, significant substance misuse or effects of parental substance misuse.
- Support in relation to offending and/or sexualised behaviours
- Support in relation to multiple and profound disabilities. Support in relation to multiple and profound disabilities with complex medical needs and high level of medical appointments.
- Support in relation to Children and Young People who are in crisis and who have significantly challenging behaviour, highly sexualised behaviour, significant self-harm and risk taking behaviours.
- Support for Children or Young People in care, who have profound mental health difficulties.

- **Category 2.3 Specialist Fostering Disabilities**

Specialist Fostering Placements of a Child or Young Person with severe or complex disabilities will include Children and Young People with sensory impairment, physical and learning disabilities, including Children and Young People with autism.

In some cases Children and Young People will be dependent on others for all aspects of care, including moving and handling, feeding, drinking, interaction and play, stimulation, needing support in using the toilet and washing/bathing.

Placements for Children and Young People with disabilities will be suitably equipped and adapted to promote enablement.

- **Category 2.4 Specialist Fostering Complex Health Needs**

Placement for a Child or Young Person who has specific health requirements e.g. Children and Young People who require feeding, assisted breathing, such as tracheotomies (tube in the throat for breathing), gastrostomies (tube in the stomach for feeding), continuous positive airway pressure CPAP (oxygen).

Types of Placements:

- Emergency
- Short Term
- Long Term
- Permanent
- Sibling
- Solo
- Short Breaks
- Parent and baby or babies
- Remand
- Staying Put