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Extra Jurisdictional Social Care Placements

Under FOI legislation please outline the number of instances that under-18s have been placed by the Trust's social services in a) the Republic of Ireland and b) Great Britain from the start of 2017 to the end of 2021, broken down to show the number of these placements per year.

Please outline the number of these placements, each year, which were made without parental consent per year.

The requested information is set out in the table below. Please note when the number of children and young people is less than 5, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust cannot provide the exact data to ensure the protection of the identify of our young people. However, the information below also provides for the **total** number of young people placed between 2017 and end of 2021 in:

- a) The Republic of Ireland, and
- b) Great Britain

YEAR	Total number of Children placed	Number with NO consent	Number placed in ROI	Number placed in GB
2017	<5	0	<5	<5
2018	<5	0	<5	<5
2019	9	<5*	<5	7
2020	<5	0	<5	<5
2021	<5	<5*		<5
Total from 2017 - 2021	20	<5*	6	14

*Please note that those young people placed without parental consent related to young people whose parents were not known to Belfast Trust.

Use of < 5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.