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## Out of Jurisdiction Placement of Children

Under FOI legislation please outline the number of instances that under-18s have been placed by the Trust in (a) the Republic of Ireland and (b) Great Britain from the start of 2017 to the end of 2022, broken down to show the number of these placements per year.

Please also break these down by the following (If not by year, then a breakdown of the 2017-22 total)

	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>

Belfast Trust is unable to provide the breakdown per year. For a number of years during 2017-2022 there were less than five (<5) young people in placements outside of Northern Ireland.

**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 our young people personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

### Those placed under Article 33 of the Children Order

Of the 28 young people placed outside of Northern Ireland, <5 were not placed under Article 33.

### Those transferred under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986

The Trust has identified that of the 28 young people we have been unable to collate responses for 8 within the timescale allocated. The remaining young people were not placed under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986.

### Those transferred under parental consent

Of the 28, 22 were transferred under parental consent. In <5 cases, the young people's parents were not known to the Trust and parental consent could not be obtained. However, they were placed under Article 33 and <5 young people were placed in support living accommodation with the consent of young person over the age of 17 years.

### Those who were transferred following a business case filed with the DOH

Two young people were placed following a business case filed with the DOH.

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**Please also provide:**

**Annual cost of the placements.**

This information is not centrally collated specifically to placements outside of Northern Ireland and we consider that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

**Length of the placements (if not possible to provide length of each placement, then please provide the shortest, longest, and average.)**

<b>Placement Length - Days</b>	<b>Number of Young People</b>
6	1
8	1
10	1
29	1
62	1
64	1
73	1
98	1
102	1
121	1
123	1
152	1
171	1
182	1
212	1
237	1
242	1
362	1
376	1
550	1
720	5
1101	1
1196	1
1730	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>

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**Ages of those in the placements (if not possible to provide age of each person, then please provide the youngest, oldest, and average age)**

Belfast Trust is unable to provide the age of each person as this increases the likelihood of identifying the young people involved - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

We can advise that the youngest child placed was under the age of 1 year, the oldest was 17 years old and the average age is 6 years of age.

**Gender breakdown of the 2017-2022 figure**

Gender	Grand Total
Male	18
Female	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>

**A list of cities/regions where placements have taken place with during the 2017-2022 period.**

The children and young people have been placed in both Great Britain (in the regions of England, Scotland and Wales) and the Republic of Ireland. To provide the list of cities where placements have taken place during 2017-2022 has the potential to identify the young people involved - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

**A list of names of the providers that have been used.**

Placement Type & Provider	Count of PARIS ID
In care of parent subject to Care Order	<5
Kinship Care placement	18
Residential Care/Hospital placement	5
Supported Living accommodation	<5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>