

10 July 2023

## Looked After Children (LAC) sent outside Northern Ireland to receive respite and or residential care

How many children classed as Looked After Children (LAC) were sent outside of Northern Ireland to receive respite and/or residential care from January 2018 until June 2023?

How many children classed as Looked After Children (LAC) were sent outside of Northern Ireland to receive respite:

Belfast Trust did not place any children outside of Northern Ireland for the purpose of short-break (ie respite) arrangements.

## and/or residential care from January 2018 until June 2023

There were less than 5 children placed outside of NI for the purpose of residential care. We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under section 40(2) of the FOI Act - as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

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