

17 May 2024

Out of Jurisdiction Placement of Children

I am requesting an update for FOI response FOI/29167. Please update the information to include the calendar information for 2023.

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 in 2023.

Please also break these down by the following.

- those placed under Article 33 of the Children Order;**
- those transferred under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986;**
- those transferred under parental consent;**
- those who were transferred following a business case filed with the DOH.**

Please also provide:

- annual cost of the placements.**
- length of the placements. (If not possible to provide length of each placement, then please provide the shortest, longest, and average.)**
- ages of those in the placements. (If not possible to provide age of each person, then please provide the youngest, oldest, and average age.**
- gender breakdown**
- a list of cities/regions where placements have taken place**
- a list of names of the providers that have been used**

In addition to the information provided for FOI 29167 in 2023 we have made two out of jurisdiction placements. Both were made to the ROI.

- 1. 10 year old male child who took up placement on the 30 June 2023 and still remains in the placement. This was an Art 33 application**
- 2. 11 year old male child who took up placement on the 9 November 2023 and still remains in placement. This was an Art 33 application.**

For future reference the SPPG should have a comprehensive list of all out of jurisdiction placements in Northern Ireland covering all programmes of care.