



# Department of Children and Youth Affairs

## Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

### A18ii Quarter 4 Addendum

<b>Data owner</b>	Child and Family Agency ( <a href="http://www.tusla.ie">www.tusla.ie</a> )
<b>Brief description</b>	<p>The Child and Family Agency (Tusla) is responsible for the collection and collation of specific statistical information on services for child welfare and protection on an annual return basis. This data is now collected in a return known as the Quarter 4 Addendum (replacement for the previous Child Care Interim Dataset).</p> <p>The data collected include information on admissions to care during the year by age and gender and placement type; the primary reasons for admission to care; legal reasons for admissions into care (Care Orders; Voluntary Care); Number of children by age and gender subject to a new Supervision Order; Number of children by age and gender who are subject to a Supervision Order; Third Care Placement within 12 months; Total length of time in care; Annual aftercare metrics; Youth Homeless annual return metrics; Number of discharges from care by age and gender and care placement type (from 2013); Number of children in care by age and gender and care type; Legal reason for being in care on 31st December by age, gender and care type.</p>
<b>Primary function of data</b>	Data returns for the Quarter 4 Addendum are compiled from all Child and Family Agency social work departments. Data from the Q4 Addendum may be used to inform service planning and development, and to prepare CFA reports (e.g. Section 8 Review of Adequacy Report). The information gathered is also used for Freedom of Information enquiries, and media and Parliamentary questions.
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other; Geog Sub County; Geog Other; Disability; Marital Status
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Health
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Social work services; foster care services; residential care services
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	2012 (replaced Childcare Interim Dataset which began in 1999)
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Annually
<b>Data format</b>	Aggregated data. This data can be viewed by 32 Local Health Offices (for 2012 and 2013), Regional Director of Services, and on a national basis.
<b>Method of data collection</b>	Paper-based and computerised
<b>Access/further information</b>	Child and Family Agency: <a href="http://www.tusla.ie">www.tusla.ie</a> Publications available at: <a href="http://www.tusla.ie/publications">www.tusla.ie/publications</a>
<b>Note</b>	<p>Additional information is collected for childcare services monthly and quarterly which is published in current reports and is available for information for media queries, Parliamentary questions, etc.</p> <p>Along with the monthly and quarterly returns for reporting against NSP metrics some additional information is also collected that is not published but available for information for media queries, Parliamentary questions, etc.</p>