

# Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service

## Children Order Bulletin (Provisional Statistics) January - March 2011

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Figures published today by the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in the quarterly Children Order Bulletin outline the County Court business received and dealt with from the quarter January to March 2011.

### During the quarter;

- There were 1,320 applications entered during the period
- There were 1,236 applications dealt with during the period
- There were 2,589 orders made between January and March 2011
- The average waiting time in weeks from lodgement to disposal for public law cases was 31 weeks
- The average waiting time in weeks between lodgement to disposal for private law cases was 25 weeks

### Notes for editors

- There were 1,320 applications (Fig 1) entered during the period, of which:  
161 = Public  
1,159 = Private

**Figure 1: Number of applications received by court tier**

Family Proceedings	92%
Family Care Centre	2%
High Court	6%

- There were 192 cases transferred during the period with 202 reasons for transfer (Fig 2).

<b>Figure 2: Reasons for Transfer</b>	
Complexity	120
Consolidation	39
Convenience	3
Gravity	7
Jurisdiction	18
Returned to Lower Court	3
Separate Representation for Child	3
Urgency	1
Point of Law	6
Other	2

- There were 1,527 children involved in Children Order Proceedings during the period, of which 40% were under the age of five

## **Important Notes:**

Figures are computed from a live database and may change due to late returns and further validations.

Waiting times do not exclude recess.

[The full version is available here on the NI Courts and Tribunals Service website.](#)

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