

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Children Order Statistics (Provisional Statistics) January to March 2010

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Figures published today by the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in the quarterly Children Order Bulletin outline the Children Order court business received and dealt with from the quarter January to March 2010.

During the quarter;

- There were 1,172 applications entered
- There were 1,234 children involved in Children Order Proceedings
- The average waiting time in weeks from lodgement to disposal for public law cases was 35 weeks.
- There were 2,231 orders made

Ends

Note for Editors

During Jan - Mar

- There were 1,172 applications (Fig 1) entered during the period, of which:
154 = Public
1,018 = Private
- There were 1,005 applications dealt with during the period, of which:
119 = Public
886 = Private
- Of the own motion orders made, 22% were in relation to Contact issues.
- The majority of interim orders made were in relation to Contact (1,962) and Care (1,610) issues.

Figure 1: Number of Applications received by court tier

Family Proceedings	93%
Family Care Centre	3%
High Court	4%

- There were 169 cases transferred during the period with 181 reasons for transfer (Fig 2).
- Court time spent on Children Order business between January and March 2010:
Total time = 1209 hours 26 minutes
Average sitting time = 2 hours 27 minutes
- The average waiting time in weeks from lodgement to disposal for public law cases was 35 weeks.
- The average waiting time in weeks between lodgement to disposal for private law cases was 26 weeks.
- There were 1,234 children involved in Children Order Proceedings during the period, of which 40% were under the age of five.

Figure 2: Reasons for Transfer

Other	Point of Law	Urgency	Separate Representation for Child	Returned to Lower Court	Jurisdiction	Gravity	Convenience	Consolidation	Complexity
2	4	5	3	4	17	3	4	38	101

- There were 2,231 orders made from January and March 2010.
- The main court orders available under the Order are set out below under the broad headings of Private Law and Public Law. Orders concerning financial matters are not included:

PRIVATE LAW

- Contact, Prohibited Steps, Residence and Specific Issues Orders (Article 8)
- Family Assistance Orders (Article 16)
- Parental Responsibility Orders (Article 7)

PUBLIC LAW

- Care and Supervision Orders (Article 50)
- Child Assessment Orders (Article 62)
- Education Supervision Orders (Article 55)
- Emergency Protection Orders and Extension of Emergency Protection Orders (Article 63)
- Parental Contact with Children in Care Orders (Article 53)
- Secure Accommodation Orders (Article 44)

Important Notices:

Figures are run from an administrative database and may change due to late returns and further validations.

The full version is available at: http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/6FFCF37C-EF0A-4257-A59F-94FAABB3C DFA/0/p tp_ChildrenOrderBulletin_JanMar_2010.pdf

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