

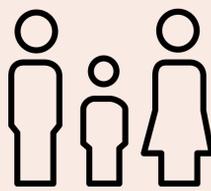
# Inspection of Statutory Foster Care Services 2019–2020



## Foster Care

17

service areas inspected



1,416

questionnaires received from children in care

Inspectors met with 186 children in care and 44 young people who had left care.

5,338

children in general or relative foster care at the end of March 2021

3,821

children in general foster care

1,517

children in foster care with relatives

## Children's Voices

"They're kind and I feel safe. They listen to me. They make sure I get to see my family."

"My social worker is amazing. Best social worker I ever had."

"She is nice and easy to talk to and never gets mad or upset when she is talking to us."

"They help me but I hate that I keep getting new ones all the time as its hard getting to know them."

## Findings

1 Many services made progress in achieving compliance and improving services provided to children in care since previous inspections.

2 The majority of children spoke highly of their social worker and said they received a good service from them. However, not all children in care had an allocated social worker.

3 The majority of service areas had a high level of compliance in relation to preparation for leaving care. The commitment of these service areas to children in their area was evident.

4 Further work is required by Tusla to continue to improve compliance with the standards and to ensure children in foster care have access to a service that meets their needs.