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CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION 2000-2001

Statistics on children in residential accommodation in Scotland for the year ended 31 March 2001 are published today.

The main points are:

- There were 1,942 children in residential accommodation at 31 March 2001, a decrease of 0.1 per cent (14 children) from the previous year.
- At 31 March 2001, two thirds of the children in residential accommodation were boys, and two thirds of the total were aged between 11 and 15 years old;
- In the year to 31 March 2001, there were 9,710 reported admissions to residential establishments. Of these children, 54 per cent were aged between 11 and 15 while 30 per cent were aged under 11 years old;
- There is a regular churn of children through residential care: Three quarters of the 9,724 reported discharges from residential establishments were from children who had been resident for less than one month – many of whom were in respite care. However, there are 268 residents who had been in care for more than 3 years.
- Of the 86 children in secure accommodation at 31 March 2001, over two thirds were aged 15 or over and one in six were aged 13 or under. Around three quarters of children in secure accommodation were boys.
- At 31 March 2001 the average size of residential establishment for children in Scotland was just over 11 places. Local authority run accommodation had 8 places per establishment compared to 18 places per establishment for those run by the private/voluntary sector.

- Even though there was little change in the number of residents, the number of staff (whole time equivalent) increased by 8 per cent since 1999-2000. This gave an average of 2 staff (whole time equivalent) for every place – with little difference in this ratio between unitary authority and voluntary/private accommodation.

The following tables are available:

Table 1 - Homes, Places and Staffing as at 31 March 2001.

Table 2 - Residents at 31 March 2001 by gender, age, and length of stay.

Table 3 - Admissions in 2000-01 by age group, and discharges in 2000-01 by length of stay.

Table 4 - Children in secure accommodation as at 31 March 2001.

Table 5 - Homes, Places and Staffing as at 31 March 2001 by Local Authority area.

NOTES FOR NEWS EDITORS

1. The main purpose of residential care for children is to provide good quality care, support and opportunities for development in a safe environment. It may also provide education or specialist care. Residential care is an important element in children's services. For some children looked after away from home, it will be the most appropriate option for meeting their particular needs.
2. There are various types of residential accommodation to which children and young persons may be admitted. The main types of establishments are children's homes, residential schools, hostels and homes for children with disabilities. There are also a few establishments which provide secure accommodation.
3. Children may be in a residential establishment under a voluntary care arrangement, under a supervision requirement made by a children's hearing, where a parental responsibilities order had been obtained by the local authority or as a requirement made by a Court. These placements will have been made under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (placements prior to 1 April 1997) the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (placements from 1st April 1997) or the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.
4. Data about children in residential accommodation in Scotland are collected through a system of annual returns made to the Scottish Executive by individual establishments, run by local authorities, the private and voluntary sectors.
5. Figures shown here for 31 March 2000 differ from those published in June 2001. Since publication of those figures the coverage of the return has improved. The revised figures for 31 March 2000 include estimates

for centres who were not able to provide figures. Some figures have been changed as better quality information has become available. The methodology for estimating figures in table 3 has changed this year to make it more robust. However, this produces figures significantly higher than in previous years.

6. Supporting tables are available on request – and on the Executive’s site (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/publist.aspx?theme=38&pillar=people>).

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TABLE 1 : HOMES, PLACES AND STAFFING

| | Number | Percentage |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| No. of establishments open during year to 31 March 2001: | | |
| Local Authority | 136 | 66% |
| Voluntary/Private | 69 | 34% |
| Total | 205 | 100% |
| No. of places at 31 March 2001: | | |
| Local Authority | 1,024 | 45% |
| Voluntary/Private | 1,237 | 55% |
| Total | 2,261 | 100% |
| No. of staff (whole time equivalent) at 31 March 2001: | | |
| Local Authority | 2,016 | 44% |
| Voluntary/Private | 2,528 | 56% |
| Total | 4,544 | 100% |

TABLE 2: RESIDENTS AT 31 MARCH 2001 BY GENDER, AGE GROUP AND LENGTH OF STAY

| | Number | Percentage |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Gender: | | |
| Boys | 1,264 | 65% |
| Girls | 678 | 35% |
| Total | 1,942 | 100% |
| Age at 31 March: | | |
| Under 5 years | 6 | - |
| 5-10 years | 182 | 9% |
| 11-15 years | 1,266 | 65% |
| 16 years or over | 488 | 25% |
| Total | 1,942 | 100% |
| Length of Stay at 31 March: | | |
| Less than 1 month | 215 | 11% |
| 1 month to under 2 months | 100 | 5% |
| 2 months to under 3 months | 88 | 5% |
| 3 months to under 6 months | 271 | 14% |
| Under 6 months | 675 | 35% |
| 6 months to under 1 year | 385 | 20% |
| 1 year to under 2 years | 445 | 23% |
| 2 years to under 3 years | 170 | 9% |
| 3 years or more | 268 | 14% |
| 1 year or more | 882 | 45% |
| Total | 1,942 | 100% |

TABLE 3: ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES IN THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2001

| | Number | Percentage |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| Admissions (By Age on Admission) | | |
| Under 5 years old | 712 | 7% |
| 5-10 years | 2,200 | 23% |
| 11-15 years | 5,278 | 54% |
| 16 years or over | 1,520 | 16% |
| Total Admissions | 9,710 | 100% |
| Discharges (By Length of Stay on Discharge) | | |
| Less than 1 month | 7,655 | 79% |
| 1 month to under 2 months | 291 | 3% |
| 2 months to under 3 months | 213 | 2% |
| 3 months to under 6 months | 462 | 5% |
| Under 6 months | 8,622 | 89% |
| 6 months to under 1 year | 462 | 5% |
| 1 year to under 2 years | 348 | 4% |
| 2 years to under 3 years | 169 | 2% |
| 3 years or more | 123 | 1% |
| 1 year or more | 640 | 7% |
| Total Discharges | 9,724 | 100% |

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TABLE 4: CHILDREN IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION (ALSO INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS TABLES)

| | Number | Percentage |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Residents at 31 March 2001 | | |
| Boys | 63 | 73% |
| Girls | 23 | 27% |
| Total | 86 | 100% |
| Age of Residents at 31 March 2001 | | |
| 13 years old or under | 13 | 15% |
| 14 years | 16 | 19% |
| 15 years | 31 | 36% |
| 16 years or over | 26 | 30% |
| Total | 86 | 100% |
| Length of stay of Residents at 31 March 2001 | | |
| Less than 1 month | 22 | 26% |
| 1 month to under 2 months | 8 | 9% |
| 2 months to under 3 months | 11 | 13% |
| 3 months to under 6 months | 20 | 23% |
| 6 months to under 1 year | 14 | 16% |
| 1 year or more | 11 | 13% |
| Total | 86 | 100% |
| Admissions during the year to 31 March 2001 (by age on admission) | | |
| 13 years old or under | 41 | 19% |
| 14 years | 56 | 26% |
| 15 years | 96 | 44% |
| 16 years or over | 25 | 11% |
| Total | 218 | 100% |
| Discharges during the year to 31 March 2001 (by length of stay on discharge) | | |
| Less than 1 month | 52 | 25% |
| 1 month to under 2 months | 17 | 8% |
| 2 months to under 3 months | 29 | 14% |
| 3 months to under 6 months | 60 | 28% |
| 6 months to under 1 year | 37 | 18% |
| 1 year or more | 16 | 8% |
| Total | 211 | 100% |

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TABLE 5: PROVISION [ALL SECTORS] IN 2000-01 BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA

| <u>Local Authority Area</u> | <u>Homes</u> | <u>Places</u> | <u>Staff (Whole Time Equivalent)</u> (1) | <u>No. of staff (Whole Time Equivalent) per Place</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---|---|
| Aberdeen City | 11 | 237 | 407 | 1.7 |
| Aberdeenshire | 5 | 37 | 56 | 1.5 |
| Angus | 2 | 37 | 92 | 2.5 |
| Argyll & Bute | 3 | 25 | 41 | 1.6 |
| Clackmannanshire | 3 | 36 | 39 | 1.1 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 9 | 65 | 163 | 2.5 |
| Dundee City | 9 | 68 | 125 | 1.8 |
| East Ayrshire | 3 | 56 | 224 | 4.0 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 4 | 46 | 162 | 3.5 |
| East Lothian | 3 | 17 | 37 | 2.2 |
| East Renfrewshire | 1 | 6 | 11 | 1.9 |
| Edinburgh - City of | 21 | 198 | 463 | 2.3 |
| Eilean Siar | 1 | 5 | 10 | 2.0 |
| Falkirk | 2 | 12 | 27 | 2.3 |
| Fife | 17 | 173 | 309 | 1.8 |
| Glasgow City | 33 | 362 | 728 | 2.0 |
| Highland | 8 | 63 | 89 | 1.4 |
| Inverclyde | 3 | 24 | 39 | 1.6 |
| Midlothian | 2 | 12 | 27 | 2.2 |
| Moray | 4 | 24 | 50 | 2.1 |
| North Ayrshire | 8 | 108 | 235 | 2.2 |
| North Lanarkshire | 6 | 85 | 147 | 1.7 |
| Orkney Islands | 2 | 8 | 20 | 2.6 |
| Perth & Kinross | 7 | 93 | 141 | 1.5 |
| Renfrewshire | 10 | 169 | 340 | 2.0 |
| Scottish Borders | 2 | 11 | 21 | 1.9 |
| Shetland Islands | 1 | 5 | 10 | 1.9 |
| South Ayrshire | 2 | 8 | 12 | 1.6 |
| South Lanarkshire | 8 | 106 | 221 | 2.1 |
| Stirling | 4 | 65 | 99 | 1.5 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 6 | 48 | 68 | 1.4 |
| West Lothian | 5 | 52 | 132 | 2.5 |
| SCOTLAND | 205 | 2,261 | 4,544 | 2.0 |

(1) Totals may not add up exactly due to rounding.