



Northern Ireland Care Leavers Aged 16-18 Statistical Bulletin 2009/10

This statistical bulletin presents findings from the latest survey of care leavers aged 16-18, who left care during the year ending 31 March 2010. Figures are based on community information return OC1 collected from Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland. A range of analyses are reported including educational attainment and economic activity of care leavers by age, gender, religion, and placement type.

Summary Key Findings

- During 2009/10, 242 young people aged 16-18 left care in Northern Ireland, of which 49% (119) were girls and 51% (123) were boys;
- Just over 13% of care leavers were disabled, compared with 6% of young people of similar age;
- One fifth (20%) of care leavers had been subject to a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) whilst attending school, compared with 4% of the general school population;
- 65% of care leavers left care because they had reached 18 years of age;
- In terms of educational attainment, the proportion of care leavers obtaining 5 GCSEs (grades A*-C) or higher, increased by 6 percentage points from 11% in 2008/09 to 17% in 2009/10, compared with 70% of general school leavers; the proportion of care leavers leaving care with no qualifications fell from 48% to 43% in 2009/10, compared with 2% of general school leavers;
- Economically, of care leavers for whom information was available, half were in education or training (50%), an increase of 10 percentage points from 2008/09, 11% were working, 23% were unemployed, and 16% were economically inactive; care leavers with no qualifications were twice as likely as those with qualifications to be unemployed or economically inactive;
- Care leavers in foster care prior to leaving care appeared to be at an economic advantage on leaving care, with almost four in five (75%) moving into education, training or employment, compared with 56% of care leavers from residential care placements.

Theme

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Community Information Branch aims to:

- provide up-to-date, quality information on children and adult social services and community health;
- disseminate findings widely with a view to stimulating debate, promoting effective decision-making and improvement in service provision; and
- be an expert voice on social care information.

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Technical Notes

Data Collection

The information presented in this bulletin derives from the sixth 'OC1' survey of care leavers in Northern Ireland. Survey returns were provided by each of the five Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland to Community Information Branch in the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety.

For inclusion in OC1, care leavers had to be aged 16-18 years and left care during the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010. The information collected related to the last period in care.

The OC1 survey collects a range of information on care leavers aged 16-18 years including, educational achievement, economic activity, sex, age, religion, ethnicity, disability, length of time in care, and placement prior to leaving care.

OC1 together with its companion surveys OC2 (children in care for 12 months or longer at 30 September) and OC3 (care leavers at their 19th birthday) provide a comprehensive series of data on looked after children in Northern Ireland.

To help put some figures within their wider social context, comparative information with, for example, the general school population and looked after children in other countries in the United Kingdom have been included where possible. Users of these statistics find such comparisons interesting; though it should be stressed that they are not like-for-like comparisons and may merely reflect differences between different cohorts of children.

All references made to 'Year' refer to the financial year, 1st April to 31 March, i.e. for the 2010 the reference period was 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

The survey used to collect this information is longitudinal with one record for each young person fitting the parameters of the collection. The survey is completed online by nominated HSC Trust staff using a secure web-based survey returns application. All records are

anonymised to protect the confidentiality of these young people.

Guidance notes and other documents associated with the completion of the OC1 survey are available to view or download from the DHSSPS website:

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-cib-3/statistics_and_research-cib-survey/children_social_care_returns.htm

Rounding/Disclosure Conventions

Percentages have been rounded to whole numbers and as a consequence some percentages may not sum to 100.

It has been necessary to suppress other figures whenever it would be possible to calculate the value of a suppressed number by means of simple arithmetic. The rule applied in these circumstances has been to suppress the next smallest data item.

Data Changes

Additional placement codes were included in the OC1 survey from 2005/06 onward, i.e. secure accommodation, kinship and non-kinship foster care etc.

Data Quality

All information submitted by HSC Trusts was validated at the point of entry, where Trust staff correct or amend data as required, and provide appropriate explanations if information is missing. CIB perform further checks, using historical data to monitor annual variations and emerging trends.

Main Uses of Data

The main uses of these data are to monitor the delivery of social care services to children, to help assess Trust performance, for corporate monitoring, to inform and monitor related policy, and to respond to parliamentary / assembly questions.

Related Publications

Details of statistics on looked after children published by other countries in the UK (United Kingdom) can be found as detailed below.

Scotland

Children Looked After Statistics are produced annually by the Scottish Government. The most recent were published on 23 February 2011, and are available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/02/18105352/0>

Wales

Statistics on Children Looked After in Wales are produced annually by the Local Government Data Unit and the Welsh Assembly Government. Data for the period up to the end of March 2010 were released on 16 September 2010 and can be found at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2010/100916/?lang=en>

England

Statistics on Children Looked After in England (including adoption and care leavers) are produced annually by the Department of Children, Schools and Families. Figures for the year ending 31 March 2010 were published on 30 September 2010, and are available at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000960/index.shtml>

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- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

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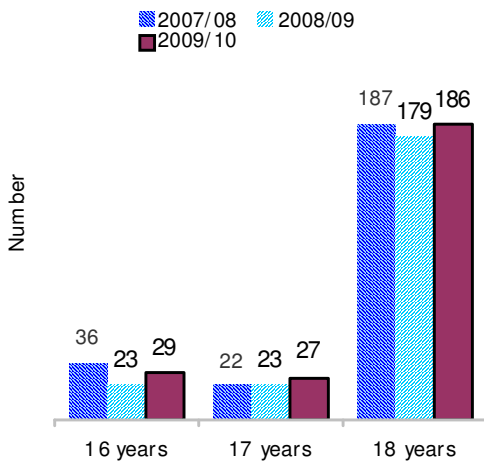
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Care Leavers Profile

This report details information on 242 young people aged 16-18 who left care during the year ending 31 March 2010¹; This is an 8% (17) increase in care leavers compared with 2008/09 (225);

Almost 77% (186) of care leavers in 2009/10 were aged 18 at the time of leaving care (Figure 1);

Figure 1: Age Profile

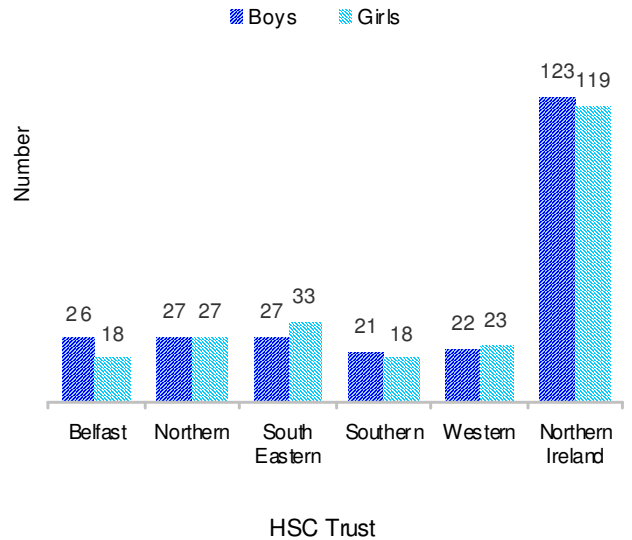


Gender Profile

Of care leavers in 2009/10 (242), 49% (119) were girls and 51% (123) were boys;

Across Trusts, Belfast and the Southern Trusts had greater numbers of male than female care leavers, whilst the South Eastern and Western Trusts had more female than male care leavers; the Northern Trust had equal numbers of male and female care leavers (Figure 2);

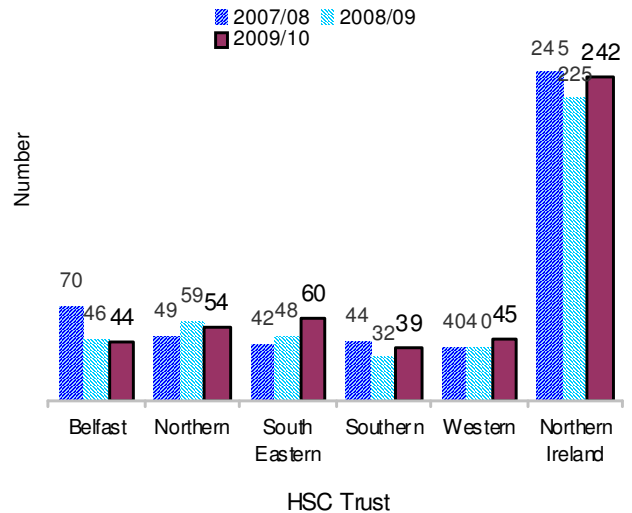
Figure 2: Gender Profile by HSC Trust



The distribution of care leavers across Trusts in 2009/10, varied slightly compared with 2008/09; for example, the highest numbers in 2009/10 were care leavers from the South Eastern Trust (60), but from the Northern Trust (59) in 2008/09 (Figure 3);

Between 2008/09 and 2009/10, care leavers in the South Eastern Trust rose by 25% (12), from 48 to 60; other Trusts, showed less variability during the same period.

Figure 3: HSC Trust Profile

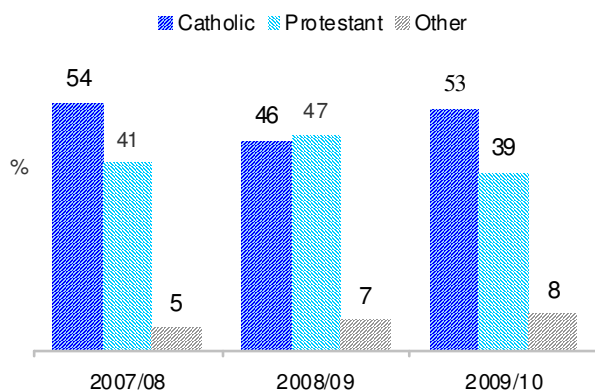


¹ The OC1 collection covers young people aged 16-18 who left care in Northern Ireland during the year ended 31st March 2010. It excludes those young people looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (respite care)

Religion

Information on religion and ethnicity of care leavers is collected for equality monitoring purposes;

Figure 4: Religion Profile



There was more Catholic (53%) than Protestant (39%) care leavers in 2009/10, with 8% from 'Other' denominations, including those with no religion, or whose religion was unknown or not recorded;

Between 2008/09 and 2009/10, the proportion of Protestant care leavers fell by 8 percentage points, with a corresponding 7 percentage point increase in Catholic care leavers. (Figure 4);

Ethnicity

Almost all care leavers in 2009/10 had a White ethnic background (98%), a slight increase on the equivalent figure for 2008/09 (97%);

Disability

Just over 13% (33) of care leavers in 2009/10 were disabled; of these, the majority (79%) had a learning disability, 3% had mental health needs, 3% were hearing impaired and 15% had 'Other' disabilities¹;

There are no directly comparable disability figures for Northern Ireland. However, less than 6% of all young

¹ Other disabilities include aspergers syndrome, aggressive behaviour and children with more than one type of disability.

people of this age (16-18) in Northern Ireland have a long-term limiting illness², and only 4% receive Disability Living Allowance³; these comparisons continue to suggest a disproportionate number of young care leavers are coping with disabilities;

Special Educational Need

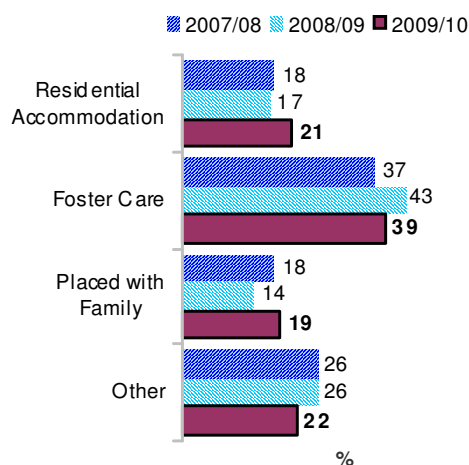
Children have special educational needs if they have a difficulty which calls for specific educational provision to be made for them; Further definitional and background information on this is detailed in the 'Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Special Educational Needs', which is available from the Department of Education for Northern Ireland⁴;

One fifth (20%) of care leavers in 2009/10, had received a statement of special educational need, 4 percentage points lower than the proportion in 2008/09 (24%). This compares to 4% of the general school population in Northern Ireland;⁵

Last Placement Type

Figure 5, shows last placement types for young care leavers, for 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10.

Figure 5: Latest Placement Type



² Census 2001

³ DSD, May 2010

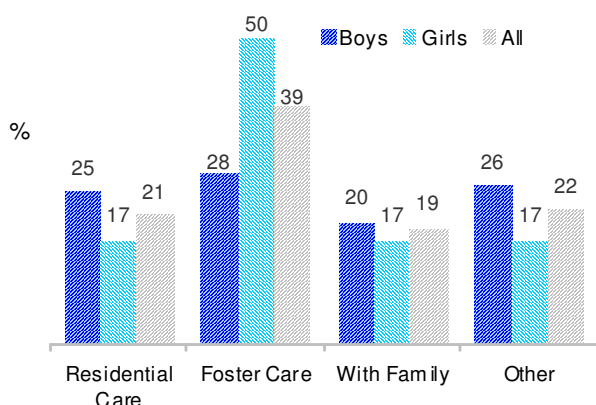
⁴ DENI, http://www.deni.gov.uk/the_code_of_practice.pdf

⁵ DENI Enrolments at Schools and in funded pre-school education in Northern Ireland 2009/10

In 2009/10, 39% of care leavers had been in 'Foster Care' prior to leaving care, 21% were in Residential Care, 19% were 'With Family', and almost one quarter (22%) had been in 'Other' placement types¹;

Foster Care placements decreased from 43% in 2008/09 to 39% in 2009/10, a drop of 4 percentage points; 'With Family' placements rose by 5 percentage points, to 19% in 2009/10;

Figure 6: Placement Type by Gender

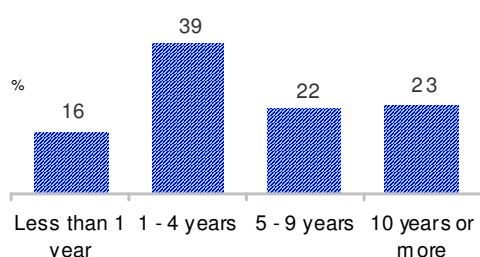


A notably higher proportion of girls (50%) than boys (28%) had been in Foster Care, with a higher proportion of boys (25%) than girls (17%) in Residential Care;

Most Recent Period in Care²

Over one third (39%) of young care leavers had been looked after for between 1 and 4 years in their latest period of care, 23% for 10 years or more, 22% for between 5 and 9 years and 16% for less than 1 year (Figure 7);

Figure 7: Length of Most Recent Period in Care

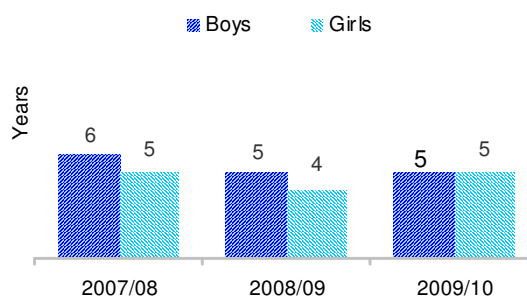


¹ Other placement types include, hospital, friends / family, shared care, assessment centres etc.

² The OC1 collection covers only the latest period in care and does not take account of any previous instances where a child was looked after.

At 5 years, girls and boys spent the same average length of time in care during 2009/10, compared with 5 and 4 years for boys and girls respectively in 2008/09 (Figure 8);

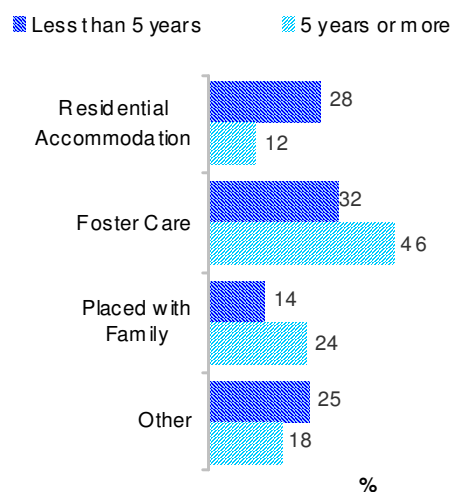
Figure 8: Average Length of Most Recent Period in Care



Young people, whose latest period in care lasted less than 5 years, were more likely to have been in Foster Care, or Residential Accommodation than in 'Other'³ placements or Placed with Family (Figure 9);

Of care leavers whose last period in care was 5 years or more, almost half (46%) had been in Foster Care prior to leaving care, with 24% Placed With Family, and 12% in Residential Accommodation;

Figure 9: Placement Type and Length of Most Recent Period in Care

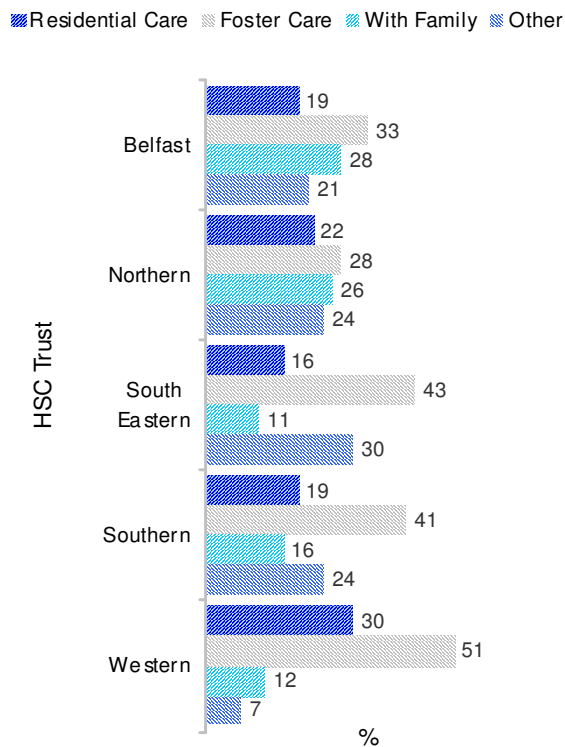


³ Other reasons include: order discharged/revoked, care taken over by another Trust, transferred to adult services, got married, and refused service

Across Trusts, the proportion of care leavers in Foster Care in their last placement, ranged from 28% in the Northern to 51% in the Western Trusts (Figure 10);

In the South Eastern and Southern Trusts, 30% and 24% of care leavers had been in Other¹ placements, compared with 7% in the Western Trust;

Figure 10: Placement Type and HSC Trust Area

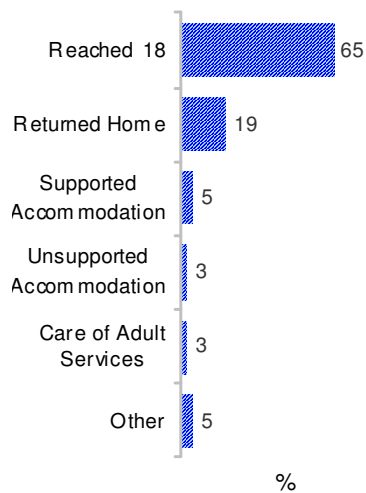


¹ Other placement types include hospital, friends / family, shared care, assessment centres etc.

Reasons for Leaving Care

Of 242 care leavers in 2009/10, the majority (65%) left care because they had Reached 18 years of age, 19% Returned Home, 5% moved to Supported Accommodation, 3% moved to Unsupported Accommodation, 3% to the Care of Adult services and 5% for Other reasons² (Figure 11);

Figure 11: Reason Care Ceased²



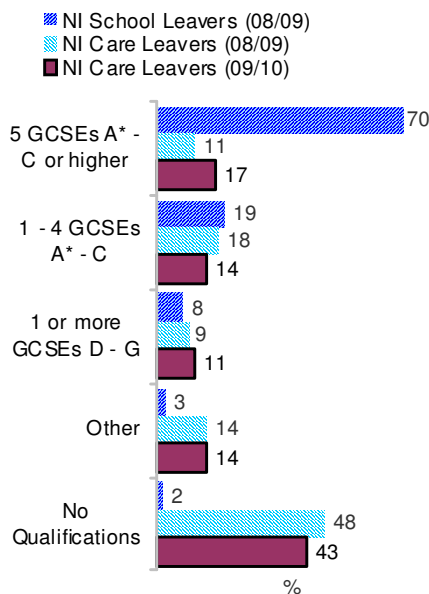
² Other reasons include: order discharged/revoked, care taken over by another Trust, transferred to adult services, got married, and refused service

Educational Attainment

Educational attainment is an important predictor of success in later life; figure 12 below, details educational qualifications obtained by care leavers in 2009/10, compared with Northern Ireland school leavers as a whole (2008/09);

There are important distinctions between these two groups of young people; as in 2008/09, educational attainment by care leavers remains poor compared with general school leavers; for example, 17% of care leavers left care with 5 GCSE's (grades A*-C) or higher, compared with over two thirds (70%) of general school leavers, and below half of all care leavers (43%) left care with no qualifications, compared with 2% of general school leavers; the proportion of young care leavers with no qualifications fell by 5 percentage points from 48% in 2008/09 to 43% in 2009/10 and by 10 percentage points since 2007/08;

Figure 12: Highest Qualification of Care Leavers & Northern Ireland School Leavers^{1,2}

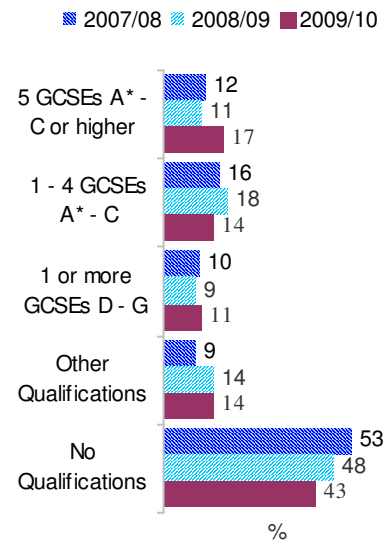


¹ Excludes care leavers with a statement of SEN because of a severe learning disability.

² Qualifications and Destinations of Northern Ireland School Leavers 2008/09.

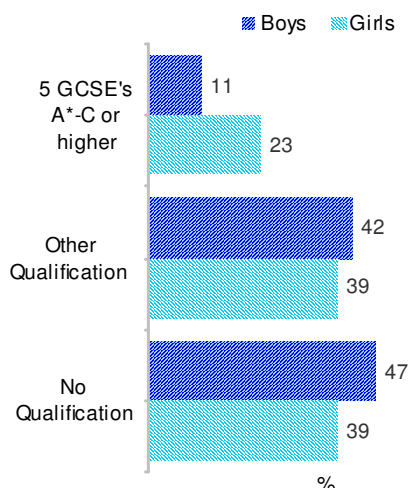
The proportion of young people leaving care with 5 GCSE's A*-C or higher in 2009/10 (17%) was 6 percentage points higher than in 2008/09 (11%), whilst a slightly lower proportion achieved 1 to 4 GCSE's A*-C in 2009/10 (14%) than in 2008/09 (18%) (Figure 13);

Figure 13: Care Leavers' Qualifications 2005/06, 2007/08 & 2008/09



As in 2008/09, a higher proportion of girls (23%) than boys (11%) obtained 5 GCSE's grades A*-C or higher in 2009/10; just under half (47%) of all boys left care with no qualifications compared to 39% of girls (Figure 14);

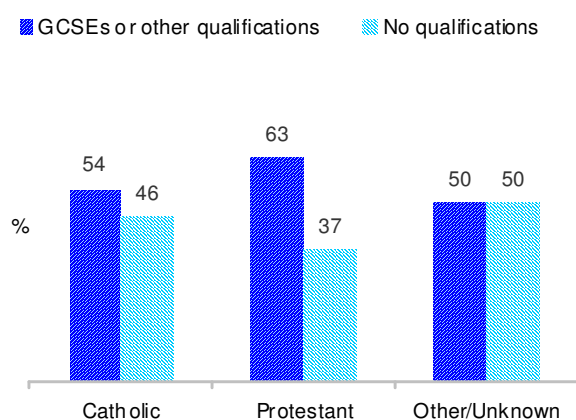
Figure 14: Highest Qualification Achieved by Gender



There was a small percentage points difference in educational achievement between Catholic and Protestant care leavers, with a slightly higher proportion of Protestants (63%) than Catholics (54%) leaving care with GCSEs or Other Qualifications;

Conversely, the proportion of Catholics (46%) leaving care with no qualifications was higher than for Protestants (37%) (Figure 15);

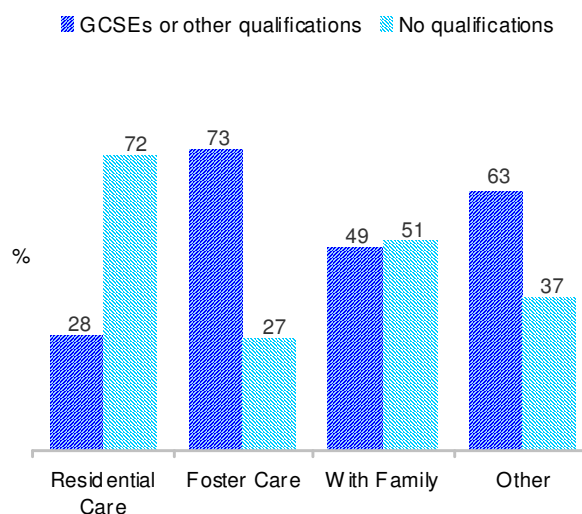
Figure 15: Qualifications Achieved by Religion



Young people whose placement prior to leaving care had been Foster Care achieved more or higher qualifications than care leavers in Other placement types; for example, 73% of care leavers in Foster Care placements achieved GCSEs or Other Qualifications, compared with 28% of those in Residential Care, and 49% placed With Family (Figure 16);

Over 7 in 10 (72%) care leavers whose last placement was Residential Care left care with no qualifications;

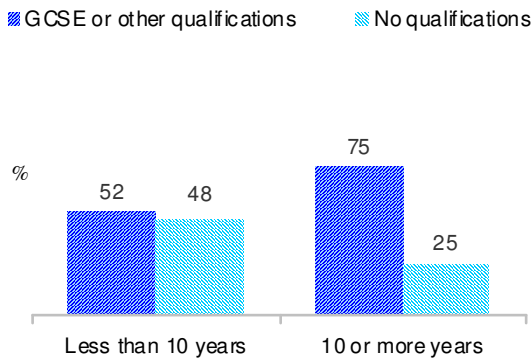
Figure 16: Qualifications Achieved by Latest Placement Type



Length of time in care also appears to be important in terms of educational attainment.

Children in care for ten years or more tended to do better academically than those in care for less than ten years' for example, three quarters (75%) of care leavers in care for 10 years or more had obtained GCSE's or Other Qualifications, compared with just over half (52%) those in care for less than 10 years; however, this difference may have been due to different placement types experienced by these two groups of care leavers (Figure 17);

Figure 17: Qualifications Achieved by Length of Time in Care

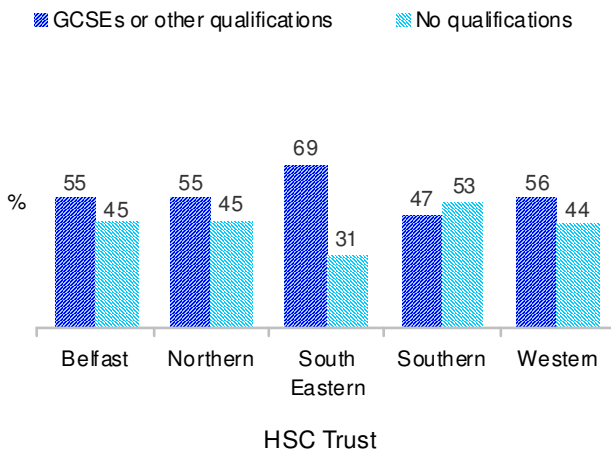


Across Trusts, over 3 in 5 young care leavers from the South Eastern (69%) achieved at least one GCSE or Other educational qualification in 2009/10;

More than half of all care leavers from the Western (56%), Northern (55%) and Belfast (55%) Trusts achieved at least one GCSE or Other Educational qualification in 2009/10;

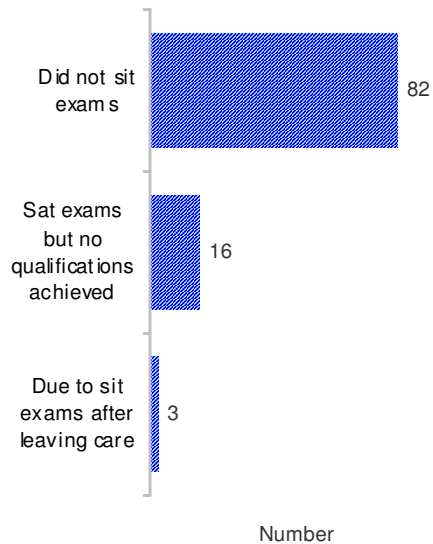
Care leavers from the Southern Trust performed less well academically, with 53% leaving care with no educational qualifications (Figure 18);

Figure 18: Highest Qualification Achieved by HSC Trust Area



Most care leavers (82) with no qualifications did not sit any examinations, even though they had reached an appropriate age to do so; a small number (16) sat examinations but did not obtain any qualifications, and 3 were too young to take examinations (Figure 19);

Figure 19: Reasons for having No Qualifications



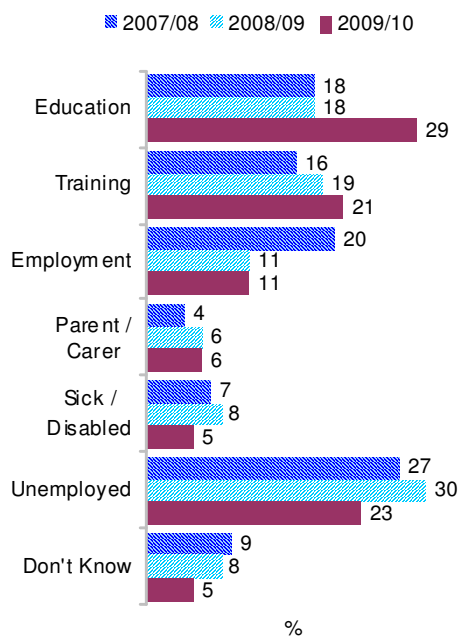
Economic Activity

Figure 20, details economic activity for care leavers aged 16-18 for each year from 2007/08 to 2009/10;

Between 2008/09 and 2009/10, the proportion of care leavers Unemployed after leaving care fell by 7 percentage points from 30% to 23%, respectively, whilst those in Employment remained unchanged at 11%;

Care leavers in Education, Training or Employment increased by 13 percentage points from 48% in 2008/09 to 61% in 2009/10, with an 11 percentage point increase for those in Education, up to 29% in 2009/10;

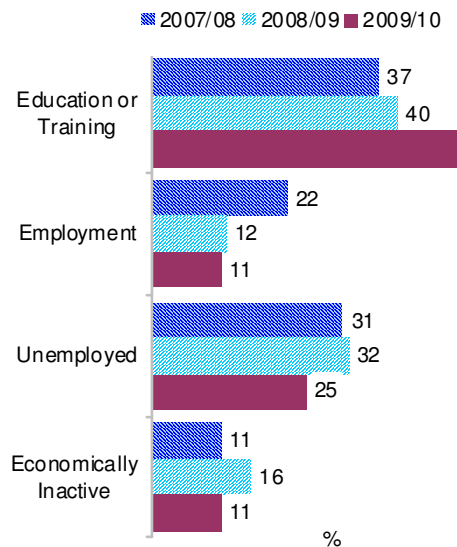
Figure 20: Economic Activity 2007/08, 2008/09 & 2009/10



The findings in the remainder of this section relate only to those for whom economic activity was reported;

Of care leavers for whom information was available in 2009/10, over half were in Education or Training (53%), 25% were Unemployed, 11% were in Employment, and 11% were Economically Inactive through caring responsibilities or sickness (Figure 21);

Figure 21: Economic Activity on Leaving Care¹



The proportion of care leavers in Employment dropped by 1 percentage point from 12% in 2008/09 to 11% in 2009/10; whilst those Economically Inactive, fell from 16% to 11% respectively;

Care leavers in Education or Training, rose 13 percentage points to 53% in 2009/10;

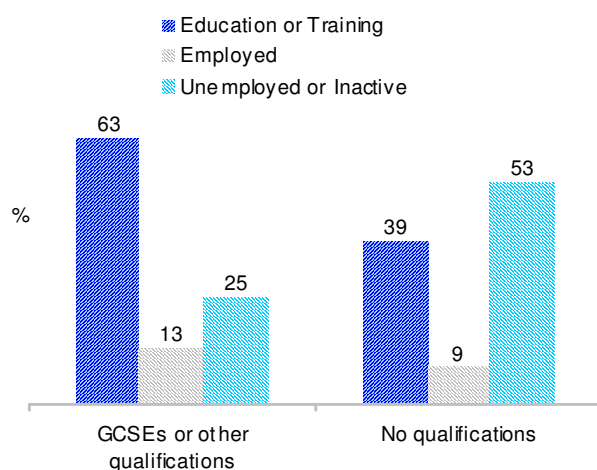
Economic activity amongst care leavers compared less favourably with that for young people of similar age; for example, almost one fifth (20%) of young people aged 16-18 years were employed, compared with 11% of young care leavers²;

¹ Excludes care leavers with a statement of SEN due to severe learning disability and those whose economic activity was not known.

² Information provided by DETI from the Labour Force Survey July-September 2009. Reliable estimates were not available on numbers unemployed, inactive or in education or training

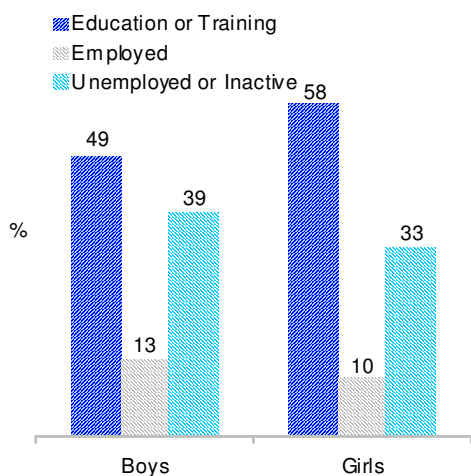
Care leavers with no qualifications were twice as likely as care leavers with qualifications to be unemployed or economically inactive; however, those with qualifications were over one and a half times as likely as those with no qualifications to be in education or training (Figure 23);

Figure 22: Economic Activity and Educational Achievement¹



Boys (39%) who left care were more likely than girls (33%) to be Unemployed or Inactive (Figure 23); a higher proportion of girls (58%) than boys (49%) were in Education or Training, though at 13%, boys were more likely than girls (10%) to be Employed;

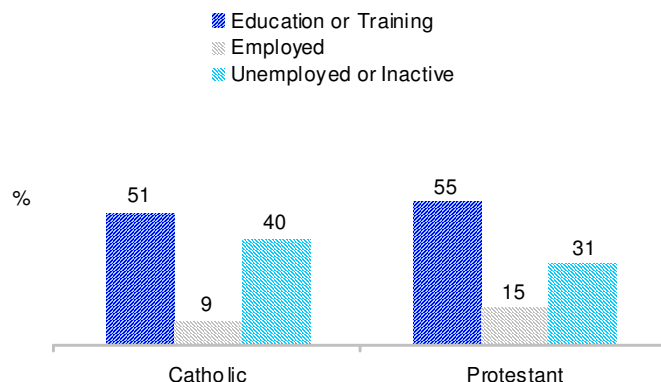
Figure 23: Economic Activity by Gender¹



A higher proportion of Catholic (40%) than Protestant care leavers (31%) were

Unemployed or Inactive (Figure 24); higher proportions of Protestants than Catholics were in Education or Training, and Employed.

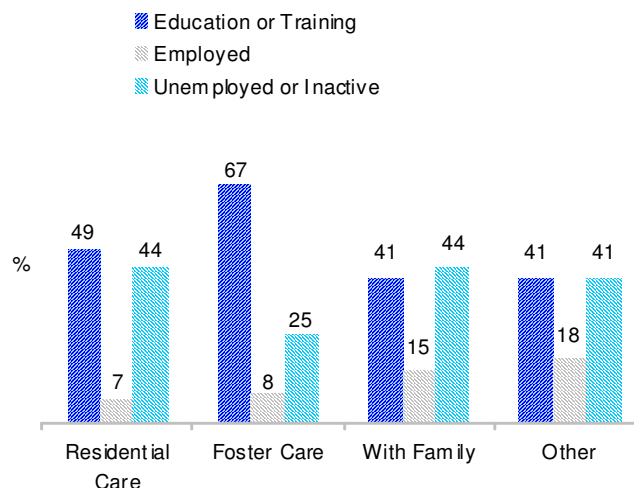
Figure 24: Economic Activity by Religion¹



Young care leavers whose last placement was foster care again appeared to be at an advantage in terms of economic activity on leaving care, with three quarters (75%) in Education, Training or Employment (Figure 25);

Those who had been in Residential Care, With Family or in 'Other' types of placements fared less well, with relatively high proportions Unemployed or Inactive.

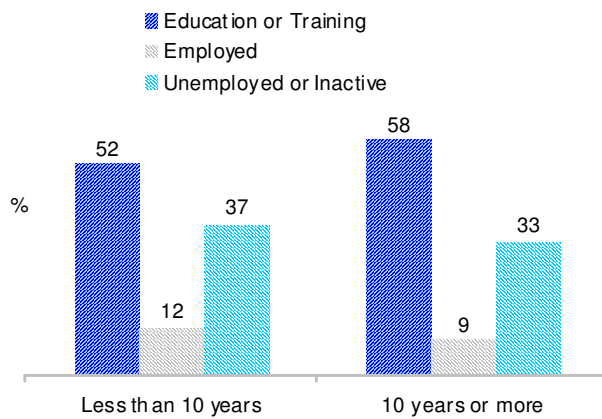
Figure 25: Economic Activity by Latest Placement Type¹



¹ Information on care leavers of other religious denominations or those whose religion was not known has been excluded to avoid personal disclosure.

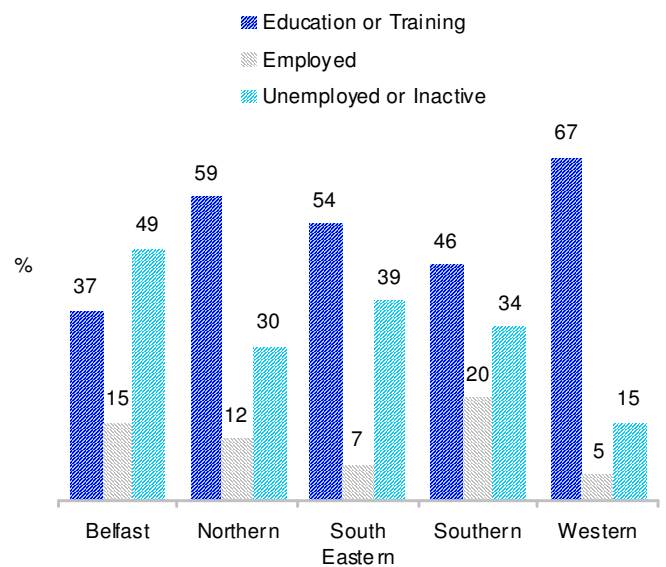
Care leavers that had been in care for 10 years or more (58%) were more likely than those in care for less than 10 years (52%) to be in Education or Training after leaving care (Figure 26);

Figure 26: Economic Activity by Length of Time in Care¹



The highest proportions of care leavers in Education or Training were in the Western (67%), Northern (59%), and South Eastern (54%) Trusts, whilst higher proportions were Unemployed or Inactive in Belfast (49%) Trust; one fifth of care leavers were in Employment in the Southern Trust (Figure 27);

Figure 27: Economic Activity by HSC Trust¹



¹ Excluding care leavers with a statement of SEN because of a severe learning disability and those whose economic activity was not known.



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Educational Qualifications of Care Leavers

Complete one of these forms for each young person aged 16 or over who ceased to be looked after by your Trust at any time between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010 inclusive.

1 Trust name:

2 SOSCARE number:

3 Sex: Male
(Please tick as appropriate) Female

4 Date of birth: **d d m m y y y y**

5 Date of start of latest period of care: **d d m m y y y y**

6 Date ceased to be looked after: **d d m m y y y y**

7 Reason ceased being looked after:
(Please tick as appropriate for every young care leaver,
including those who left care on their 18th birthday)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Died | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Care taken over by another Trust
(including authorities outside Northern Ireland) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Returned home to live with parents/relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Moved into supportive accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Moved into accommodation providing no formalised
advice/support | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transferred to care of adult social services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Episode ceased and new episode began on
same day or next day | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If 'Other', please specify below

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8 Young person's religion:
(Please tick as appropriate)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protestant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No denomination | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. Has the child a disability according to the definition for the register of children with a disability, i.e. has an illness or difficulty and needs extra help to take part in activities around them in the way they would like and in the way other children of the same age do, respecting individual culture and

circumstances?

(see guidance notes for fuller, formal definition)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Yes', please state main disability type

- Visually disabled
- Hearing impaired
- Physically disabled
- Learning disabled
- Mental health disability
- Other (*please specify below*)
- Not known

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'other', please specify

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10 Did the child reside in another Trust area immediately before this period in care?

(Please tick as appropriate)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Yes', please specify Trust in which child previously resided

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11 To which of the following ethnic groups does the young person belong?
(Please tick as appropriate)

White (excluding Traveller)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify

Other Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please specify

Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12 Does the young person have any dependants?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If 'Yes', please enter the number of dependants	<input type="text"/>
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13 What was the last placement arrangement for the young person prior to leaving care?

- Secure accommodation
- Residential accommodation
- Placed for adoption with former foster carers
- Placed for adoption with others
- Foster care with relatives/friends (emergency)
- Foster care with relatives/friends (approved)
- Foster care with others
- Placed with parents (or person with parental responsibility)
- Independent living with formal support
- Independent living without formal support
- Other accommodation (please specify below)

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14. Did the child's placement change during the 12 months prior to leaving care (or if looked after for less than 12 months, during the total time he or she was looked after)?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 a) If 'Yes', how many placement changes occurred during this time?

15 What was the young person's legal status immediately before leaving care?

- Police protection in Board/Trust accommodation (Article 23)
- Child assessment Order (Article 62)
- Emergency Protection Order (Article 63)
- Accommodated under Article 21
- Interim Care Order (Article 57)
- Care Order (Article 50 or 59)
- Deemed Care Order (Paras 11 and 30 of Sch 8)
- Freed for adoption and looked after by Board/Trust
- Other (please specify below)

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16 Date of last statutory review:

d	d	m	m	y	y	y	y

16a Method of participation of young person in last statutory review:

Attended and spoke for him or herself	
Attended and an advocate spoke on his or her behalf	
Attended and conveyed views non-verbally	
Attended and did not contribute	
Did not attend but briefed advocate to speak	
Did not attend but sent views (e.g. in writing, by phone)	
Did not attend and views not conveyed to the review	
Other	

If 'Other', please specify below

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17 Date of previous statutory review (if within year before leaving care):

d	d	m	m	y	y	y	y

17a Method of participation of young person in previous statutory review:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Attended and spoke for him or herself | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended and an advocate spoke on his or her behalf | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended and conveyed views non-verbally | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended and did not contribute | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did not attend but briefed advocate to speak | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did not attend but sent views (e.g. in writing, by phone) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did not attend and views not conveyed to the review | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If 'Other', please specify below

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18 At any time during the last school year (September 2008 - June 2009) was the young person covered by a statement of special educational need?
(Please tick as appropriate)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Yes', please state briefly the reason(s) for the statement

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If 'Yes' to question 18, go to question 20

19. At any time since beginning school, has the young person been covered by a statement of special educational needs? (Please tick as appropriate)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Yes', please state briefly the reason(s) for the statement:

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20. Young person's qualifications on ceasing to be looked after:

Number of GCSEs at grade A* to C:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number of GCSEs at grade D to G:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number of NVQs:		<input type="text"/>
Number of GNVQs:		<input type="text"/>
Number of 'A' levels:		<input type="text"/>
Number of other educational or vocational qualifications:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If 'Other qualifications', please specify below

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If no qualifications recorded,

21 Reason for having no qualifications on ceasing to be looked after:
(Please tick as appropriate)

Not applicable (at least one qualification recorded above)

Due to sit exams later in year

Sat at least one exam but obtained no qualifications

Health condition or disability prevented sitting exams

Did not sit exams, other reason (please specify below)

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22 What is the young person's activity at present?
(Please tick as appropriate)

Not known

Full time further education

Part-time further education

Higher education

Full time training

Part-time training

Full time employment with planned training

Full time employment with no planned training

Part-time employment

Parent - full-time carer

Other full-time carer

Unemployed as a result of ill-health or disability

Unemployed for other reason

**This is the end of the questionnaire.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

Additional Information

Further information on Care Leavers Aged 16-18 in Northern Ireland, is available from:

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