

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister –

- (a) provide a breakdown of the number of children on the child protection register on a yearly basis over the past 5 years; and
- (b) provide an overview of the percentage of children on the Child Protection Register who –
 - (i) live in social housing, rather than in housing owned by their parents;
 - (ii) are from single parent families; or
 - (iii) have Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (S.E.B.D.) (either with or without a statement of need)?

Answer

- a) The table below gives a snapshot of the number of children on a Child Protection Plan on the 31st December in each of the last 5 years. There was a reduction at the end of 2019 as a number of Child Protection Plans came to an end, but across 2019 more plans were started than were started in 2018. We are currently undertaking a review of cases to quality assure our thresholds and decision-making. There is routine and ongoing audit activity across all categories of children’s cases.

Year	Number of children on Child Protection Plans on 31 st December
2015	88
2016	111
2017	102
2018	92
2019	67

bi) The department do not capture this information.

bii) The department do not capture this information.

There would be children subject to Child Protection Plans whose circumstances would reflect all categories of housing status and family composition.

biii) The category of Social, Emotional & Mental Health is used to capture this type of need for pupils from nursery to Year 13. Please note that only the “primary” Special Educational Need is captured in the data, so it’s possible that there are other pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs that won’t show in the data, where they have another “primary” need.

Of the cohort of pupils on Child Protection Plans at the end of 2019, 23% had identified Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs. This compares with 3.2% across all pupils.