

CONNECTING FAMILIES BI MONTHLY REPORT – 28TH JULY TO 14TH DECEMBER 2011

The following report is a brief overview of the referrals received to date and provides statistics in relation to Mental Health Issues, Substance Misuse, Domestic Violence and Sexualised behaviour

Connecting Families stats collated between July 28th 2011 and December 14th 2011

To date Connecting Families has received 53 referrals (Relating to families). 2 Families have been referred to Connecting Families twice.

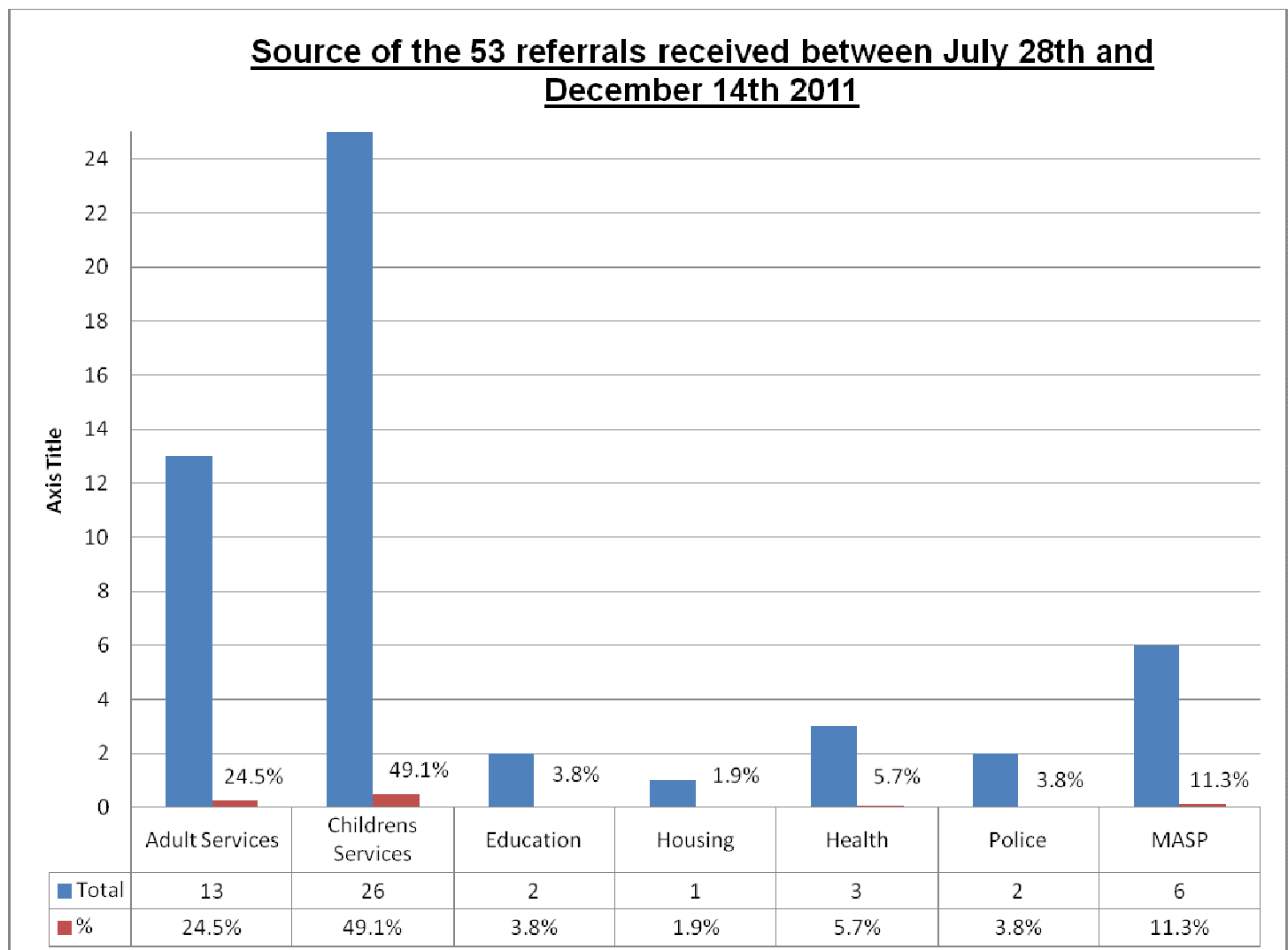
Status of referrals

| Status | Number of referrals | % |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Closed no intervention | 20 | 37.7% |
| Closed after intervention | 4 | 7.5% |
| Further research needed | 3 | 5.7% |
| Open | 26 | 49.1% |
| Total | 53 | 100.0% |

- Connecting Families have intervened in 56.6% (30 / 53) of all referrals (Closed after intervention and Open combined).

Source of referrals

Referrals have come from a spectrum of agencies as shown in the below bar chart



- 49.1% (26 / 53) of the referrals have been received from Childrens Services and 24.5% (13 / 53) have been received from Adult Services.

Number of referrals relating to the original list - 7

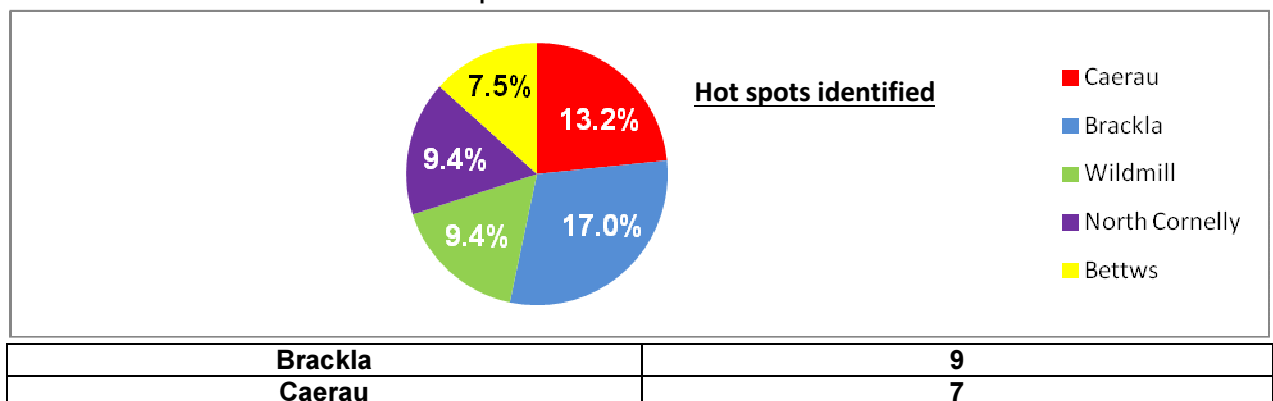
| Referral no | Family identifier | Total no of families | % |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|
| CF4 | 2 | 7 | 14.6% |
| CF6 | 689 | | |
| CF12 | 644 | | |
| CF15 | 25 | | |
| CF16 | 206 | | |
| CF21 | 648 | | |
| CF47 | 62 | | |

Referrals relating to Children / Young People

- 79.2% (42 / 53) of the referrals received are related to Children or Young People and the remaining 11 referrals relate to adults. **** Please note that 2 of the referrals made by Adult Services relate to Children or Young People****
- Within the 42 referrals relating to Children or Young People a total of 88 Children or Young People have been referred to Connecting Families.
- 51.1% (45 / 88) of the children are Male and 48.9% (43 / 88) are Female.
- 60.2% (53 / 88) of the Children referred are aged between 0 and 12 years of age.
- 39.8% (35 / 88) of the Young People referred are aged between 13 and 19 years of age.
- On average each referral relating to a child contains 2.1 children (Mean average)
- 30.7% (27 / 88) of the Children / Young People referred to Connecting Families are LAC (4 are with Foster Parents, 9 are in Local Authority Care and 14 are with Parents)
- 30.7% (27 / 88) of the Children / Young People referred to Connecting Families are on the Child Protection Register (19 under the category of neglect, 3 under the category of physical and sexual abuse, 2 for physical and emotional abuse, 1 for physical abuse, 1 for emotional abuse and 1 for sexual abuse).

Hot Spots

- From the 53 referrals several hot spots have been identified as shown below



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|----------------|---|
| Wildmill | 5 |
| North Cornelly | 5 |
| Bettws | 4 |

Themes within the referrals

Mental Health Issues / Problems

From the 52 referrals researched 73.1% (38 / 52) have been identified as having issues with Mental Health (Self defined by the families). **Please note medical conditions have not been verified so data is based on information provided to the authorities by individual family members.**

Within the 38 referrals identified as being linked to Mental Health issues, 72 individuals (Including significant others, siblings and partners) have been highlighted as suffering with one or more mental health issue.

- 36.1% (26 / 72) of Mental Health sufferers are Male and 63.9% (46 / 72) are Female.
- 66.7% (48 / 72) of Mental Health sufferers are adults aged over 18 years.
- 47.4% (18 / 38) of families have reported to have more than one family member suffering from a Mental Health issue or illness.
- 56.9% (41 / 72) of individuals have reported that they **have not** received any professional support
- 37.5% (27 / 72) of individuals have reported to be suffering from multiple symptoms of mental health issues. Refer to the below table.

| No of Mental Health illness | No of individuals | Number of illnesses identified | % |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 45 | 45 | 62.5% |
| 2 | 17 | 34 | 23.6% |
| 3 | 8 | 24 | 11.1% |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 1.4% |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 1.4% |
| Grand Total | 72 | 112 | 100.0% |

- It is apparent from the data collated that Mental Health Issues covers a vast of illnesses including those shown table on the following page.

| Category | Number of reported sufferers | % |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| ADHD | 6 | 5.4% |
| Anger issues | 3 | 2.7% |
| Bereavement | 12 | 10.7% |
| Bi Polar | 2 | 1.8% |
| Depression | 26 | 23.2% |
| Emotional Harm | 4 | 3.6% |
| Identity Issues | 2 | 1.8% |
| Organic Brain Disorder | 1 | 0.9% |
| Panic attacks | 2 | 1.8% |
| Post Natal Depression | 1 | 0.9% |
| Psychotic episodes | 1 | 0.9% |
| Schizophrenia | 2 | 1.8% |
| Self Harm | 16 | 14.3% |
| Social Anxiety | 2 | 1.8% |
| Stress | 6 | 5.4% |
| Suicidal thoughts | 19 | 17.0% |
| Unknown | 6 | 5.4% |
| Unstable personality | 1 | 0.9% |
| Total | 112 | 100.0% |

- 36.1% (26 / 72) of Mental Health sufferers are Male and 63.9% (46 / 72) are Female.
- 65.3% (47 / 72) of Mental Health sufferers are aged over 18 years of age and 34.7% (25 / 72) are Children / Young People.

Substance misuse

- From the 52 referrals researched 78.8% (41 / 52) are linked to substance misuse. Please refer to the below table for a breakdown. ***Please note some families have reported to be using multiple substances – hence the totals in the below blue column not equalling 41***

| Substance misuse type | Number of referrals |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Drugs | 34 |
| Solvents | 3 |
| Alcohol | 24 |

- 82.9% (34 / 41) of the families have reported to be misusing drugs.
- 7.3% (3 / 41) of the families have reported to be misusing solvents.
- 58.5% (24 / 41) of the families have reported to be misusing alcohol.
- 31.9% (15 / 41) of the families have reported to be misusing both drugs and alcohol.
- Within the 41 referrals linked to drug abuse, 55 individuals have reported to be misusing one or more drug.
- 81.8% (45 / 55) of individuals have reported to be misusing just one drug.
- 16.4% (9 / 55) of individuals have reported to be misusing two drugs.

- 1 individual has reported using 3 different types of drug.
- 56.4% (31 / 55) of individuals who are reported to abuse drugs are Female.
- 24 referrals have been linked to alcohol misuse and 35 individuals have been reported to misusing alcohol
- 60.0% (21 / 35) of individuals who are reported to abuse alcohol are Female.
- There appears to be a link between Mental Health and substance misuse because 36.1% (26 / 72) of identified Mental Health sufferers misuse drugs, 27.8% (20 / 72) misuse alcohol and 16.7% (12 / 72) misuse a combination of drugs and alcohol.

Child / Young People and substance misuse

| Substance misuse type | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Drugs | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Solvents | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Alcohol | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Total | 13 | 11 | 24 |

- Within the 52 researched referrals a total 27.3% (24 / 88) Children and Young People (Aged between 12 and 19 years of age) have reported to be misusing substances.

Domestic Violence

- From the 52 researched referrals 46.2% (24 / 52) have reported Domestic Violence (Frequency and severity have not been identified).
- From the 21 domestic violence aggressors identified 19.0% (4 / 21) have got Police Warning Signals for Domestic Violence, 23.8% (5 / 21) have got Police Warning Signals for Violence and 4.8% (1 / 21) has got a Police Warning Signal for Weapons
- 85.7% (18 / 21) of victims are Female and 81.0% (17 / 21) of aggressors are Male.

Known to the Police

- 88.5% (46 / 52) of the families referred to Connecting Families are known to the Police in one or more capacity (For example: Criminal Convictions, Subjects of crimes or intelligence, Reporting Person and regular Missing Person)
- In 82.6% (38 / 46) of the referrals more than one family member is known to the Police. Refer to the table below.

| Number of family members known to the Police | Total referrals | Number of individuals |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Family member | 8 | 8 |
| 2 Family members | 19 | 38 |
| 3 Family members | 8 | 24 |
| 4 Family members | 7 | 28 |
| 5 Family members | 3 | 15 |
| 6 Family members | 1 | 6 |
| Total | 46 | 119 |

- 21.3% (10 / 47) of the referrals / families known to the Police relate to a regular missing Child / Young Person.
- 14 Children / Young People have been identified as regular missing people and 50.0% (7 / 14) are Female with the average age being 14 years of age. (Mean average is 14.4)

Sexualised behaviour and Young People

- 14.8% (13 / 88) Children and Young People referred to Connecting Families have displayed sexual behaviour at some point during their lives.
- 84.6% (11 / 13) of the Children / Young People reported to be displaying sexualised behaviour are aged between 13 and 17 years of age.
- 38.5% (5 / 13) of the Children / Young People displaying sexualised behaviour are Male and 61.5% (8 / 13) are Female.
- 62.5% (5 / 8) of the Females displaying sexualised behaviour are considered to be at risk of sexual exploitation, contracting sexually transmitted infections and becoming pregnant due to their risk taking behaviour (Promiscuous behaviour with older Males).
- In addition 11.4% (10 / 88) of the Children referred to Connecting Families have had some contact with adults accused of sexual assault or crimes