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Introduction

The Children's Tribunal system is made up of three independent parts: the Child Youth and Community Tribunal (the "CYCT"), the Office of the Children's Convenor and the Convenor and Tribunal Board (the "Board").

The purpose of the Tribunal is to make decisions that protect children from harm and promote their proper and adequate health, welfare and development. The Tribunal is a legal forum and the decisions that it makes are legally binding. The Tribunal deals with the majority of children's cases where some compulsory State intervention may be needed. The President of the CYCT's main responsibilities are to manage the work of the Tribunal and monitor and develop the performance of the members of the Tribunal.

The Children's Convenor's main responsibility is to decide when a child or young person is referred to the Tribunal. The Children's Convenor also has many other legal responsibilities relating to children, young people and the Tribunal process.

The Board sets the overall strategic direction for both services and provides support and challenge to both the President and the Children's Convenor. The Board is responsible for securing the resources required to enable the Children's Convenor and the CYCT to carry out their respective duties.

The strategic priorities set by the Board for 2017 – 2020 are:

- Increasing participation and engagement of children and young people;
- Raising awareness and understanding of the OCC and CYCT throughout the islands' communities; and
- Working with our partners to ensure that any changes to the Children Law are aligned with the ethos of the CYCT system and are in the best interests of children and young people.

The Children's Tribunal system relies on a number of highly inter-dependent roles that extend beyond the roles of the Board, the Children's Convenor and CYCT members. This wider CYCT community includes the Committee *for* Health and Social Care which is responsible for giving effect to the decisions of the Tribunal, Social Workers, Safeguarders, Teachers, Advocates, Jurats and a range of other professionals and volunteers.

The members of the Board in 2019 were:

Mrs Gill Couch (Chair)
Mrs Janet Gaggs
Mr Jon Beausire
Mrs Angharad Lewis-Jones

Mr Nigel Lewis
Advocate Peter Atkinson
Dr Beverley Workman

Foreword by Chair of the Board



The Children's Convenor and Tribunal Board is pleased to present the Annual Reports of the Children's Convenor and the President of the Child, Youth and Community Tribunal for 2019.

The Covid-19 pandemic has delayed the publication of these reports and I find myself writing this introduction just as the Bailiwick is emerging from ten weeks of lockdown.

My theme for the foreword to last year's report was the celebration of significant change, looking to the future and anticipating the positive results that our innovative planning in 2018 would yield in 2019. I

have no doubt that the upward trajectory in the rate of change will climb even more steeply as the service endeavours to meet the as yet largely unidentified challenges of living with Covid-19.

I make no apology at this point in stepping away from my focus on 2019 for a moment to thank the Convenor, Deputy and Assistant Convenors, and the Administration Staff of the Convenor's Office for the exemplary strategic and operational planning involved in responding to evolving public health guidance and regulations designed to control the spread of the Coronavirus in the Bailiwick. The President, Deputy Presidents and Tribunal members too, have had to create and implement fundamentally different working practices. But as a result of our collective efforts, the service has continued to operate effectively and children and young people have continued to be monitored and protected. On behalf of the Board, I thank you all for your continuing dedication and commitment during the unprecedented pressures the service faced and continues to face, in the first few months of 2020.

2019 was indeed a period of rapid and positive development for all parts of our service.

Early in the year, the Committee *for* Health and Social Care confirmed the appointment of Ms Angharad Lewis-Jones to the Convenor and Tribunal Board. Her presence has further enriched the breadth of experience and expertise Board members bring to the work of supporting the Convenor and the President.

For the first four months of 2019, the leadership of the CYCT was carried by Mrs Jane Betley, assisted by Mr Richard Hamilton and I thank them both for the work they did to keep the service running efficiently and take important developments forward while we considered the appointment of the next President. The Board was delighted to recommend the appointment of Mrs Ashley Rawles to the Royal Court who gave their assent at the beginning of May. Mrs Rawles is highly respected by the staff of the Convenor's Office and works collaboratively with them and the Tribunal members she leads. She has encouraged members to step forward and bring their considerable skills and knowledge to the important work of the CYCT beyond sitting on Hearings.

Structural changes at the Convenor's Office resulted in the appointment of Mrs Antonia Read as a Deputy Convenor and Mrs Jeanette Bales as an Assistant Convenor. The field of applicants in both cases was strong and I congratulate them both on their appointment. The service is already benefitting from their skills and experience.

The Board is pleased to note that the service was delivered within budget in 2019. We continue to seek further efficiencies and exercise careful financial management.

The operation of our services has been built on extensive data collection, analysis and reflection, evidence based decision making and strategic planning. The introduction of a new case management system within Children's Services at Health and Social Care has led to changes in the format of the Child's Plan and the loss of data relating to outcomes for children. This is key information to inform the development of our service and we look forward to working with our partners to restore access to this important data in the future.

2019 marks the ten year anniversary of the Children Law 2008 and the birth of CYCT system which seeks to ensure the best possible outcomes for children, young people, their families and the community. The original rationale of creating a holistic welfare based approach to dealing with concerns about children and the problems young people encounter by focussing as much on their needs as well as their deeds, is as relevant now as it was ten years ago. We are proud of the non-adversarial and cost effective environment we provide for children and families to be part of the solution to their difficulties. However, after ten years of operation, it is entirely appropriate that we take the time to reflect on the law and the systems and structures which support it.

Covid-19 has interrupted this work and will continue to impact on our practice for some time. I have no doubt that our service is fit for purpose, ready and able to face the unprecedented circumstances in which we continue to find ourselves. And in the true spirit of "Guernsey Together" we will continue to work with our valued partners in a culture of mutual respect, transparency and collaboration to deliver a full range of innovative and effective proposals to support the Bailiwick's most vulnerable families.

Gill Couch
Chair of the Convenor and Tribunal Board

How the CYCT System works

- An incident occurs or a concern arises and a child or young person is referred to the Children's Convenor.
- The Convenor investigates the incident or concern by requesting information from different sources. This can include information on the child's attendance and behaviour at school, their health and development, family background and involvement with other agencies.
- The Convenor evaluates the information and decides whether there may be a need for compulsory intervention (intervention in family life irrespective of the consent of the child and their parents). If so, the child is referred to a Hearing of the CYCT.
- If the Convenor decides that a Hearing is needed, the child or young person and their family will attend a meeting arranged by the Convenor to consider the Children's Convenor Statement (legal reasons for the Hearing).
- A Hearing will take place once the grounds of referral are accepted or, if necessary, once the Juvenile Court has decided that the grounds of referral have been established on the basis of evidence presented by the Convenor.
- Each Hearing comprises of three CYCT members, all trained volunteers from the local community. The child or young person and their family or carers are central participants in the Hearing.
- At the Hearing the CYCT members will hear from the child or young person and their parents or carers and from the professionals involved in their lives – for instance teachers and social workers.
- Having heard from everyone the CYCT makes a decision on whether or not a legal order called a care requirement is necessary.
- If a care requirement is made, the CYCT can attach conditions to this such as where the child shall live, who they will have contact with or that they will attend a programme to address their behaviour.
- The CYCT can review a care requirement and it can be cancelled, continued or changed.
- The Committee *for* Health and Social Care has a legal obligation to implement the decisions made by the CYCT.

**The President's Annual Report
to the
Convenor & Tribunal Board
for 2019**

This report covers the period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019. It summarises the activities of the President of the CYCT during that period and presents statistical information about the membership of the CYCT.

President's Statement

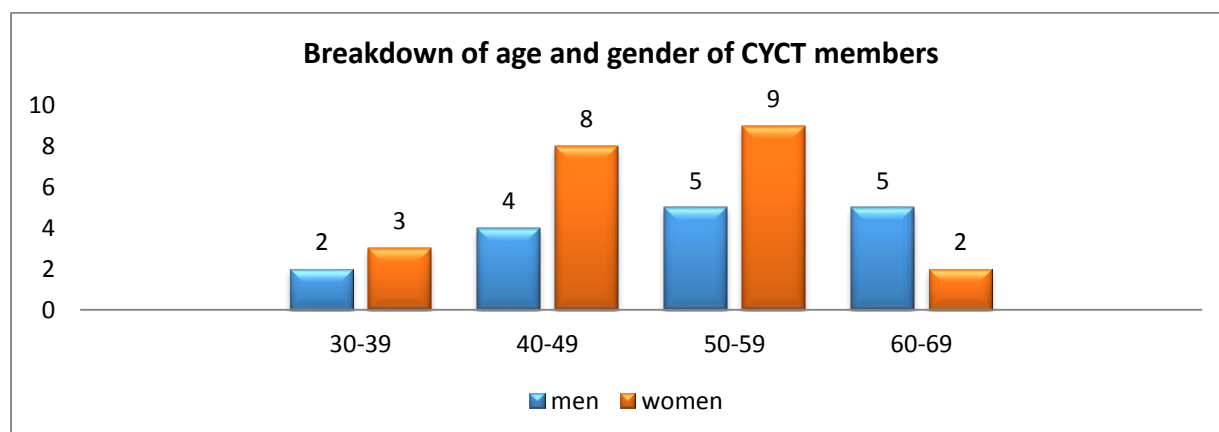


This report covers the first part of my three-year term of office as President of Guernsey's Child Youth and Community Tribunal (CYCT). I was appointed by the Royal Court on the 15th of May 2019 following the end of David Raines tenure as President in December of the previous year. I myself have been a Tribunal member since 2011 and I consider it to be a great honour and privilege to not only be chosen as President but to be the

first female President of the CYCT. David has been and continues to be a long serving supporter of the CYCT having served as both Deputy President and President during the ten years since the Children's Tribunal system began in 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David, on behalf of the whole membership, for his dedication and hard work in servicing and developing the CYCT. Jane Betley also stood down as Deputy President in December 2018 and again I thank Jane for her continued commitment and support for the CYCT. The eight months I have been in office as President has been an extremely busy time for the CYCT and I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to Gill Couch (Chair of the Convenor and Tribunal Board) and Karen Brady (Children's Convenor) for their wise counsel and unstinting support during this time.

At the start of 2019 there were forty-one (41) CYCT members. Three (3) members resigned during the year whilst at the end of the year six (6) members were not actively participating in Hearings for personal and professional reasons.

The breakdown of age and gender of these thirty-eight (38) members as at the end of the year is represented in the chart below.



The performance of CYCT members is monitored on an ongoing basis by a group of trained individuals from a range of backgrounds, appointed by the Board. All CYCT members who had been active throughout 2019 were monitored at least once during the year with the majority being seen at least twice. I would like to express my thanks to the monitors for the work they do in observing the Hearings and offering feedback to members.

Recruitment of new members and the delivery of training continue to involve considerable commitment from me as President as well as requiring a significant time resource from supporting staff at the Office of the Children's Convenor.

Two sessions of in-service training were delivered in 2019. In February the training was led by Emma Cussack and her colleagues at the Youth Commission. The topics covered included advocacy, sexuality and gender identity, the needs of teenagers, understanding childhood grief, and recognizing the signs of child sexual exploitation. 70% of the membership attended the training which was followed by a drinks and canapés reception to thank David Raines for his three years as President of the CYCT.

The training delivered in October departed from the usual format in that it was delivered in small groups which allowed for much more interaction and hands-on experience. It was felt that this was a more appropriate way of delivering this particular training which was focused on decision-making and the delivery of a decision at the end of a Hearing. All but two (2) of the members took part in the training but as the training has been so intrinsic in shaping how we now record and deliver our decision at the end of a Hearing these members will need to receive the training before they can resume sitting as a Tribunal member. As a result of this training there is now a renewed focus on the child welfare checklist providing a framework for decisions, whilst still recognising the relevance of the child welfare principles. The quality of the training delivered was quite exceptional and was extremely well received by all who took part. It has been reported to me by the Convenors and monitors that this training has had a positive impact on the delivery of decisions at the end of Hearings.

Individual members who have been serving as a Tribunal member for a year or more can undertake additional training to enable them to take up the role of Chairperson of the Hearing. Chair training of new chairs, which had been scheduled for the end of the year has had to be delayed until the beginning of 2020 but it is hoped that this training will result in up to six (6) new Chairs being recruited to ease the pressure on current Chairs.

October saw the start of a new recruitment drive with a view to recruiting members ready to begin sitting as Tribunal CYCT members by June 2020. Circumstances were such that this was very much a targeted approach with me, in my capacity as President, contacting sections of the business and wider community in order to promote the work of the CYCT. Experience has shown us that work commitments are one of the biggest barriers to people seeking to becoming a Tribunal CYCT member and then sustaining a level of engagement. The willingness of employers to permit flexible working to enable staff to serve as Tribunal CYCT members is therefore invaluable. We also sought to inform employers of the skills that Tribunal CYCT members can bring to their business as a result of their training and experience

of sitting on Tribunal Hearings. As a result of the recruitment drive, we currently have nine (9) trainees who started their pre-service training in January 2020.

It is a privilege to represent, as President, a group of such committed individuals as my fellow Tribunal members, who give their time so selflessly to preparing for and sitting on Hearings. Members of the CYCT, being drawn from the local community as they are, bring together a wealth of experience, talent and ability. At each Hearing they are called upon to make decisions, sometimes difficult decisions, in the best interests of the children, young people and families whose cases they are asked to consider. They do not shy away from making these decisions but do so with a single-minded determination to make the best possible decisions for families within the Bailiwick. I very much look forward to working with them all again in 2020 as we continue to act for the benefit of our local community.

Finally, and by no means least, my thanks go to all the staff at the Office of the Children's Convenor who have been so supportive these last eight months. I close with a Guernsey-French phrase shared with me by a member of the administration team which so succinctly sums up what needs to be at the forefront of our minds;

"Pour qué les bésuogns des éfàns seie prumiers"

So that children's needs are first.

Ashley Rawles
President of the CYCT



**The Children's Convenor's Annual Report
to the
Convenor & Tribunal Board
for 2019**

This report covers the period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019. It summarises the activities and performance of the Office of the Children's Convenor during that period and presents statistical information about children and young people referred and notified to the Children's Convenor.

Children's Convenor's Statement



It is with great pleasure and pride that I present my 10th Annual Report to the Convenor and Tribunal Board.

2019 was a year of positive developments for the Office of the Children's Convenor. These developments enhanced our capacity to respond to the increasing complexity of our case work, consolidated our relationships with key partners and improved understanding within the professional community of the role and responsibilities of the Convenor.

Whilst overall the number of referrals received by the Convenor in 2019 was lower than in 2018 the number of Convenor meetings and Hearings of the CYCT were higher. This reflects the complexity of referrals and the increasing percentage of cases where compulsory intervention is required. Although offence referrals continue to outnumber care and protection referrals by two to one, the majority of cases referred to the CYCT relate to care and protection concerns. This confirms that the majority of behaviour related concerns fall within the expected parameters of adolescent development and do not require compulsory intervention to resolve.

A large part of our year was dominated by a significant court case that resulted in some helpful case law on the definition of physical abuse. This will enhance our ability to protect children and young people where the exact cause of the harm cannot be identified or the identity of the person who caused the harm is not known.

Reflecting on experience from the last 10 years we reviewed our arrangements to support the work of the President of the CYCT. With the assistance of the Convenor and Tribunal Board we agreed a protocol that respects the independence of the roles of Convenor and President, whilst recognising their interdependence, and supports joint working on a range of areas. This has provided a strong foundation to enable us to constructively challenge and stimulate development within the CYCT system.

For me, a measure of our success in building an effective organisation that attracts talented individuals was the fact that we were able to recruit two outstanding local candidates to join our team in 2019. Both have brought a wealth of experience and have enhanced the capacity and skills within the Team.

When introduced in 2010 it was recognised that the success of the CYCT would be dependent on the relationships between the various services that would refer children to the Convenor, provide professional assessments and implement the decisions made by the CYCT. The roles of Convenor and CYCT sit within a unique child protection and legal system which can at times be complex and difficult to navigate. One of our Business Plan priorities for 2019 therefore was to raise awareness and understanding of the role of the Children's Convenor and CYCT to address some of the concerns that have been highlighted in case reviews and previous Annual Reports. During 2019 we developed and introduced new guidance and training to support this. The evaluation and feedback have been positive and I am pleased to report that the early indicators are that these have improved the understanding of roles, responsibilities and relationships.

Reflecting on the last 10 years I would suggest that we have reasons to be pleased with our collective efforts to improve the outcomes and experiences of children and families. Each of us will encounter adversity and challenges at some point in our lives and some of us will not be able to overcome these without help, support, guidance or control. A measure of our community is how we respond to those who are not able or willing to achieve this by themselves. At the heart of the CYCT system is listening to children and families, understanding what they need and working out how to make it happen. We do this in a way that involves children and families in the decisions made about them, in a less formal environment than a court, with the assistance of committed and caring professionals and the wisdom and life experience of members of our community.

So have we achieved the aims of the Children Law 10 years on? Our data would suggest that we have cause to be positive. The number of children subject to compulsory care requirements has been reducing over the last five years. More children are supported on island with fewer sent to off-island placements. There is now much more focus on listening and responding to the views of children and young people. For the majority of young people who commit offences their needs as well as their behaviour is now being addressed. There is evidence to demonstrate that decision making in the CYCT is quicker than the equivalent proceedings in England and Wales. Our inclusive, participative and welfare based approach to responding to concerns about children has provided a strong evidence base for the extension of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) to the Bailiwick. Scotland are now consulting on raising the age of referral to their children's Tribunal system from 16 to 18 - another example of where the Bailiwick is leading the way!

There is however still more to do as we continually strive to improve outcomes and do things better. We need to look to where we can remove duplication and delay. We need to explore

alternative ways of engaging with children and young people. We need to ensure that we support families at the earliest opportunity as well as respond to risk and crisis (the majority of children subject to care requirements continues to be those aged 11 and over indicating that we may not be acting early enough).

I find myself writing this report in unprecedented circumstances brought about by the threat from the COVID-19 virus. We have all had to think differently about how we deliver our services and some of the changes we have made would have been unimaginable in 2019. While this has provided many challenges it has also provided an opportunity to rethink some of the ways that we operate. I am determined that we grasp the challenge set down by our Chief Minister Gavin St Pier to “build back better”. Listening and responding to feedback from children, young people and their families, professionals and our Tribunal members will be key in this process.

Looking forward to next year and beyond, my hopes for the next 10 years are that we take the opportunity to explore new ways of working including maximising the use of technology to support children to take part when they struggle with face to face contact; we further enhance the rights of children and young people; and that we continue to play a central part in building a strong caring community with resilient children at its heart. As Frederick Douglas (an American social reformer) said in 1855, “it is easier to build strong children than repair broken men”. I would add that it is also more cost effective.

Karen Brady
Children’s Convenor

Summary of key activity and achievements during 2019

- Following the work undertaken in 2018 to review our operating structure we appointed two local individuals to our vacant posts. Antonia Read was appointed to the post of Deputy Convenor and Jenette Bales as Assistant Convenor.
- We reviewed our working arrangements with the President of the CYCT and developed a joint protocol to encourage and support co-operation, partnership working and effective and efficient use of resources across a range of activities with the overall aim of sharing knowledge and improving services to children and young people.
- We reviewed our administrative systems and processes and introduced a number of changes to move more of our communications online.
- We contributed to the Justice Review commissioned by the Committee for Home Affairs and shared data relating to children and young people to inform the review.
- We reviewed our operations and communications to ensure compliance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2017 and made some changes to our practice and procedures as a result.
- We developed and implemented guidance for professionals providing practical advice to assist them in identifying when to refer to the Convenor and what information to provide. A copy of this guidance can be accessed on our website.
- We developed a training module on the role of the Children's Convenor and CYCT for the Island's Safeguarding Children Partnership (ISPC). Three sessions of training were delivered during 2019 attended by 59 professionals.
- We shared learning and key messages from a case heard by the Juvenile Court in May 2019 to assist professionals in identifying and responding to children who have suffered or at risk of suffering physical abuse.
- We made 255 decisions on referrals; conducted 112 Convenor meetings; convened 265 Hearings of the CYCT and presented and concluded 6 Court cases.

What the data for 2019 tells us

Throughout the year we gather information to inform our practice and to share with our partners. Here is an outline of what our data tells us.

- There was a decrease in the overall number of referrals received by the Convenor during 2019. Offence referrals reduced by 19% and non-offence referrals by 39%. The number of offence referrals has decreased over the last 10 years with the number received in 2019 below the 10 year average. Although non offence referrals reduced during 2019 the number received was in line with the 10 year average. Offence referrals continue to outnumber non offence referrals by 2:1.
- The majority (74%) of non-offence referrals related to concerns about the care and protection being given to children and young people by their parents or carers. Thirty six percent (36%) of these related to children under the age of five.
- The most common reason for referral to the Convenor was that the young person had committed an offence (66%). Traffic offences made up 40% of the total offence referrals received with 71% of these relating to young people who were under the age of 17.
- A final decision was made by or on behalf of the Convenor on 255 referrals. The Convenor referred 22% of these referrals to the CYCT. Of these, 72% were related to care and protection concerns, 12% behavior related concerns and 16% school attendance concerns. This is a small increase in the percentage referred to the CYCT in 2018 (18%).
- 68% of Convenor decisions were made within 50 working days of receipt of the referral (44% of the decisions made on care and protection concerns, 78% of the decisions made on behaviour related concerns and 80% of the decisions made on school attendance concerns).
- The most common reason for referral of a child or young person to the CYCT by the Convenor was because the child or young person was suffering or likely to suffer significant impairment to their health or development (75%).
- The grounds for referral were accepted by young people and their parents or carers in 69% of the cases considered at a Children's Convenor meeting.
- 36% of child's plans requested by the Convenor were received within 35 working days. This impacts on our ability to make timely decisions.
- The number of Hearings of the CYCT held in 2019 increased by 3%.
- There was a small reduction in both the number of children who were made subject to a care requirement in 2019 and those who were subject to a care requirement at the end of 2019.

Statistics in 2019

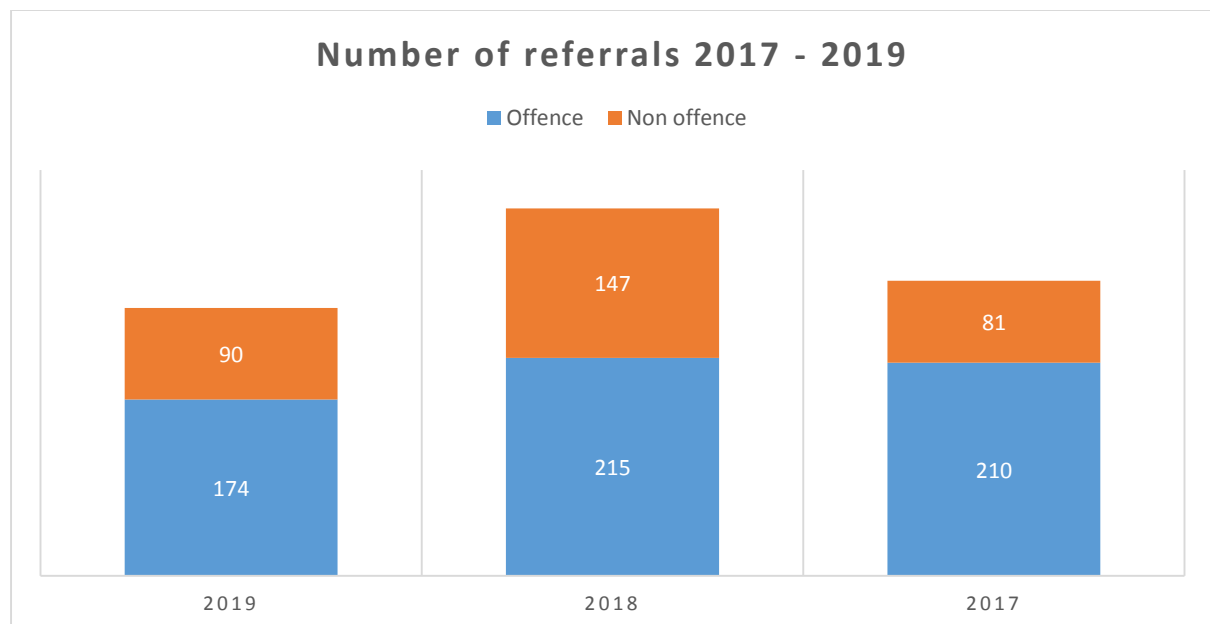
This section of the report includes the number of children and young people referred to the Convenor; the reasons why children and young people are referred; the decisions made by the Convenor and the CYCT; and care requirements made. Further details on how the CYCT system works are set out on page 6 of this report.

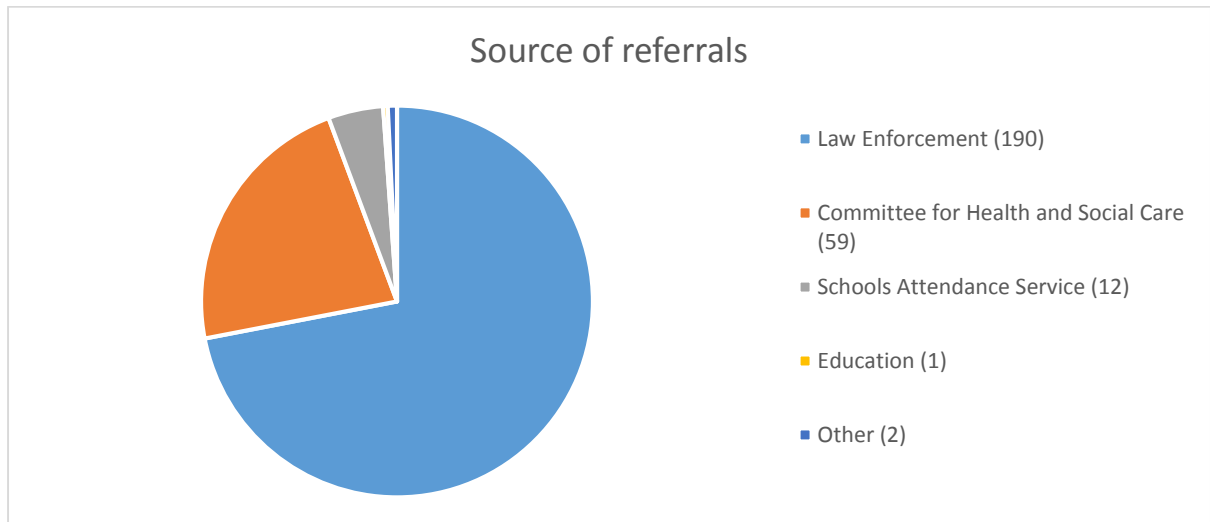
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Referrals & children and young people referred

Referrals received by the Convenor

In 2019, 264 referrals were received by the Convenor; 174 offence related referrals and 90 non-offence referrals. Law Enforcement continued to be the main source of referrals comprising 72% of all referrals.

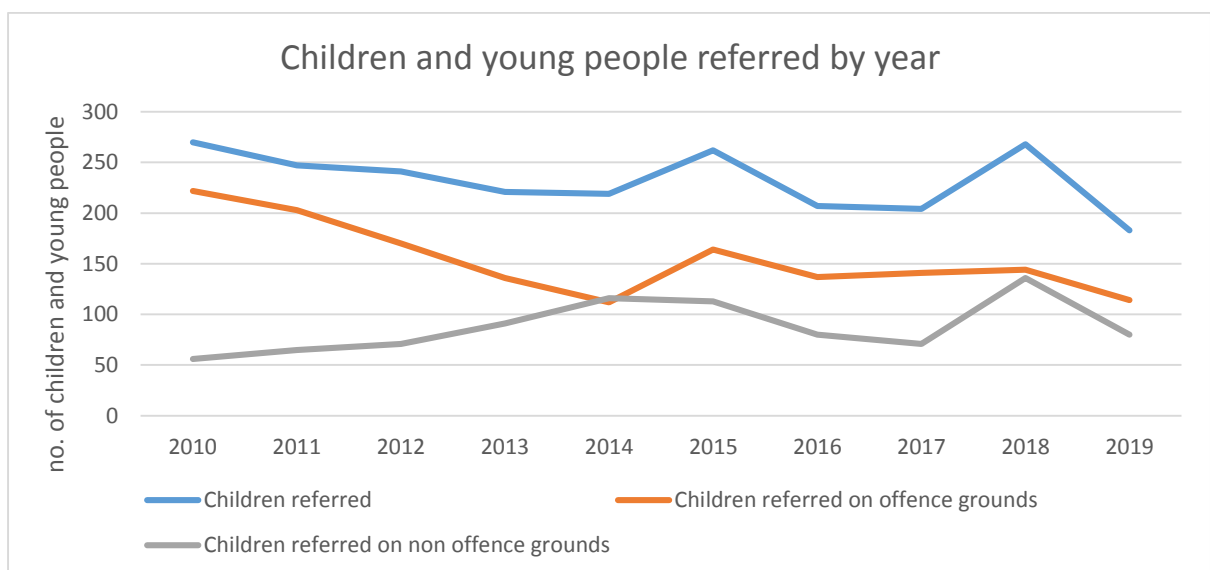




The referrals received in 2019 related to 183 individual children. Most children and young people were referred only once, with 9% referred three or more times. Some children were referred on both offence and non-offence grounds.

- 174 offence grounds (114 individual children)
- 90 non-offence grounds (80 individual children)

There were more males than females referred on both offence and non-offence grounds. All referrals related to children residing in Guernsey.



Types of Concern

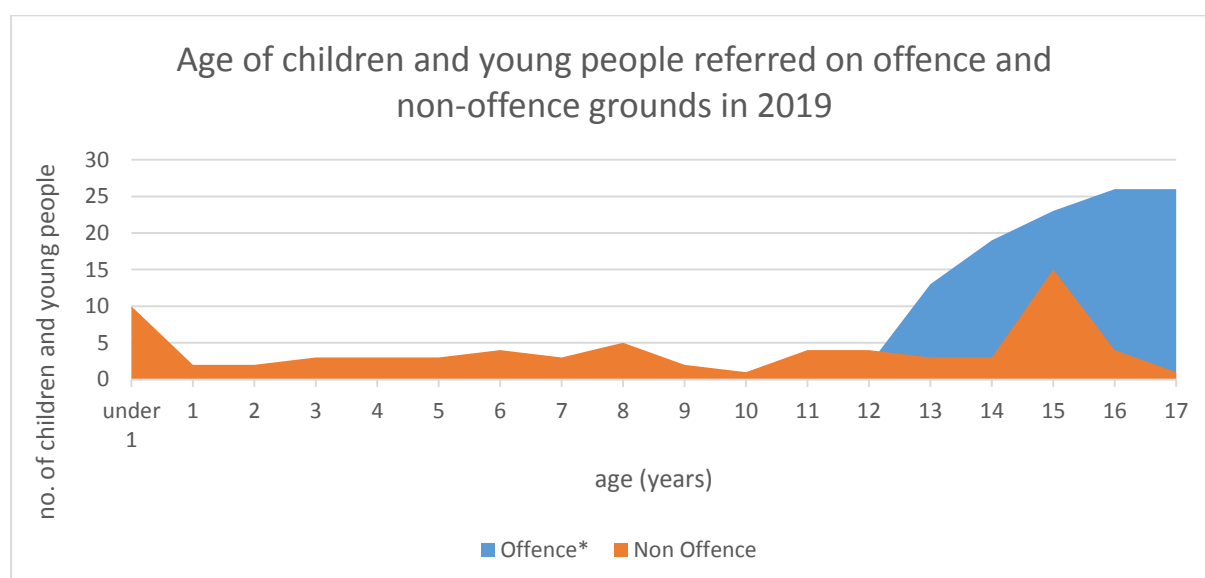
The grounds or reasons on which children can be referred to the Convenor are set out in section 35(2) of the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2008 and are summarised in the chart below. These reflect the range of concerns identified by those referring children and young people to the Convenor. Some children were referred on more than one ground hence the number of grounds for referral in the chart being greater than the total number of referrals received.

The most common ground for referral was that the young person had committed an offence. In total 114 young people were referred on this ground. 70 (40%) of the 174 offence referrals received related to traffic offences.

Reasons for referral	2019	2018	2017
(a) Significant impairment to health or development	67	126	54
(b) Physical or sexual abuse	22	22	7
(c) Misuse alcohol, drugs or volatile substance	<5	6	5
(d) Exposed to moral danger	<5	13	<5
(e) Violent or destructive behaviour/beyond parental control	21	20	12
(f) Allegedly committed a criminal offence	174	215	210
(g) Failure to attend school without good reason	18	8	18

Age of children and young people referred

The most common age for children and young people to be referred on offence grounds continued to be 16 and 17.



*the age of criminal responsibility in the Bailiwick is 12 years.

Children's Convenor Decisions

During 2019 the final decision was made on 255 referrals received by the Convenor in 2019 or earlier. The chart below shows a breakdown of the decisions made. 22% were referred by the Convenor to the CYCT.

The most common reason for referral to the CYCT was on the grounds that the child or young person has suffered or was likely to suffer significant impairment to their health or development.

	No. of referrals (255)
Arrange a Hearing of CYCT	55
No indication of a need for compulsory measures	10
Retained by HM Procureur	46
Refer to Committee <i>for</i> Health and Social Care	8
Refer to other Committee or Agency	3
No Hearing required as measures already in place	23
No Hearing required as child referred to CYCT for other reasons	7
Diversion to Road Traffic Awareness Programme	48
No Hearing required as action taken by family or others	14
Diversion to Restorative Justice	12
Convenor interview	21
Insufficient evidence to proceed	8

Children's Convenor Meetings

59 of the referrals that the Convenor decided to refer to the CYCT were considered at a Children's Convenor meeting during 2019. 112 meetings were arranged relating to 51 individual children. 9 of these referrals were still being considered at Convenor meetings at the end of 2019.

For the Convenor meetings that concluded during 2019 the reasons for concern (grounds for referral) were accepted by the young person and their parents or carers in 69% of cases. (In 2 cases the Convenor Statement was withdrawn by the Convenor). The most common reason for concern not accepted was that the child had, or was likely to suffer significant impairment to their health or development (77%).

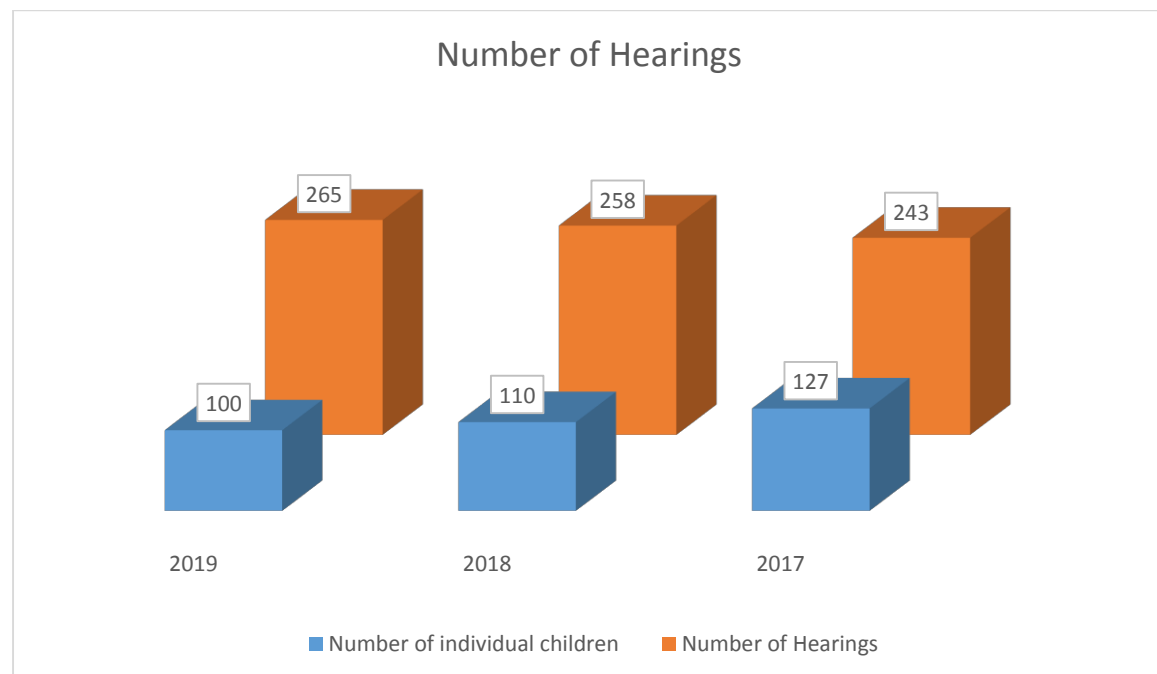
Applications to the Juvenile Court

During 2019, 6 applications made by the Convenor for a finding on disputed facts were concluded by the Juvenile Court. These related to 6 individual children. The conditions for referral were established in full or in part by the Court in all 6 applications. The average time taken to conclude these applications was 17 weeks, with 5 of the 6 applications concluded within 26 weeks.

Hearings of the Child, Youth & Community Tribunal (CYCT)

Number of Hearings

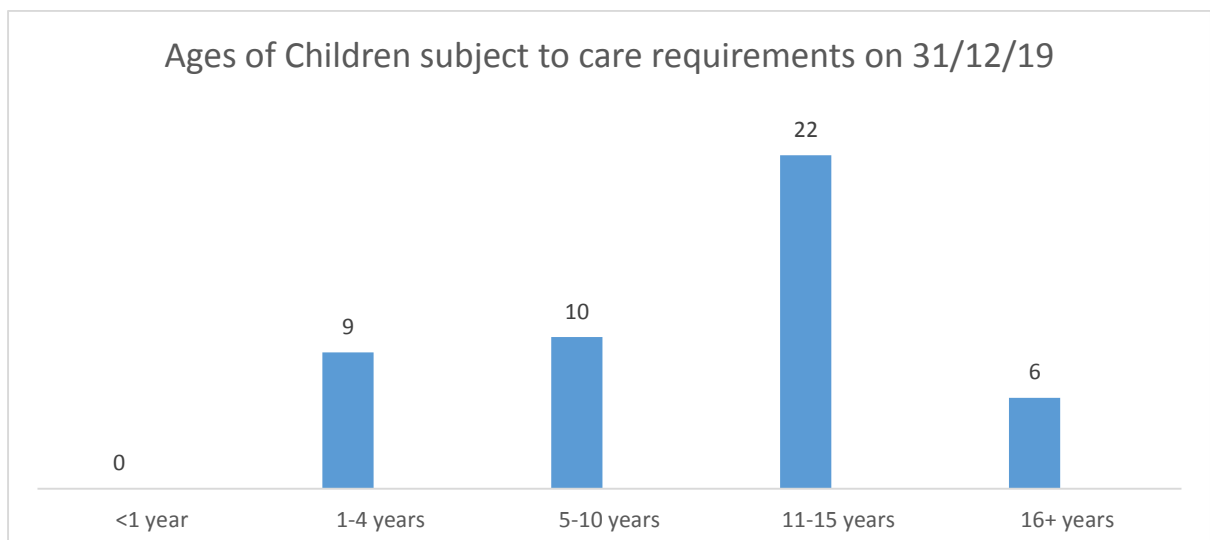
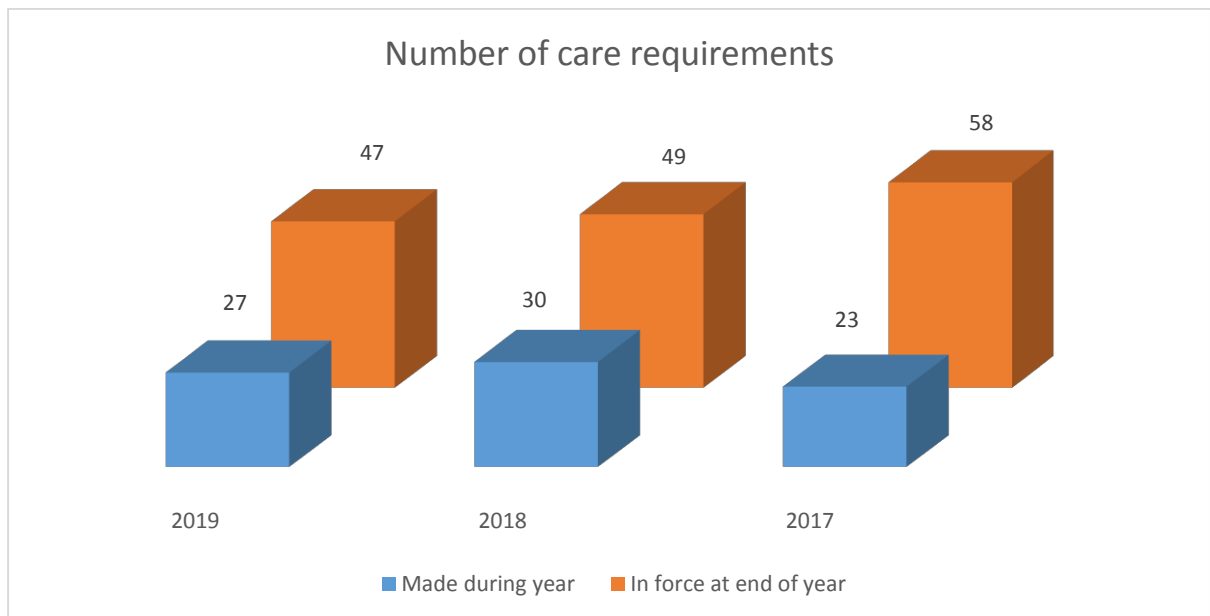
During 2019 there were 265 Hearings of the CYCT held. These related to 100 individual children (some children appeared before the CYCT more than once).



Outcomes

CYCT Hearing Decisions

A care requirement is the legal order that can be made by the CYCT when it is considered that compulsory intervention is needed for a child or young person. In 2019, 27 care requirements were made. 47 children were subject to a care requirement at the end of 2019. For 29 children the care requirement was removed or came to an end during 2019.

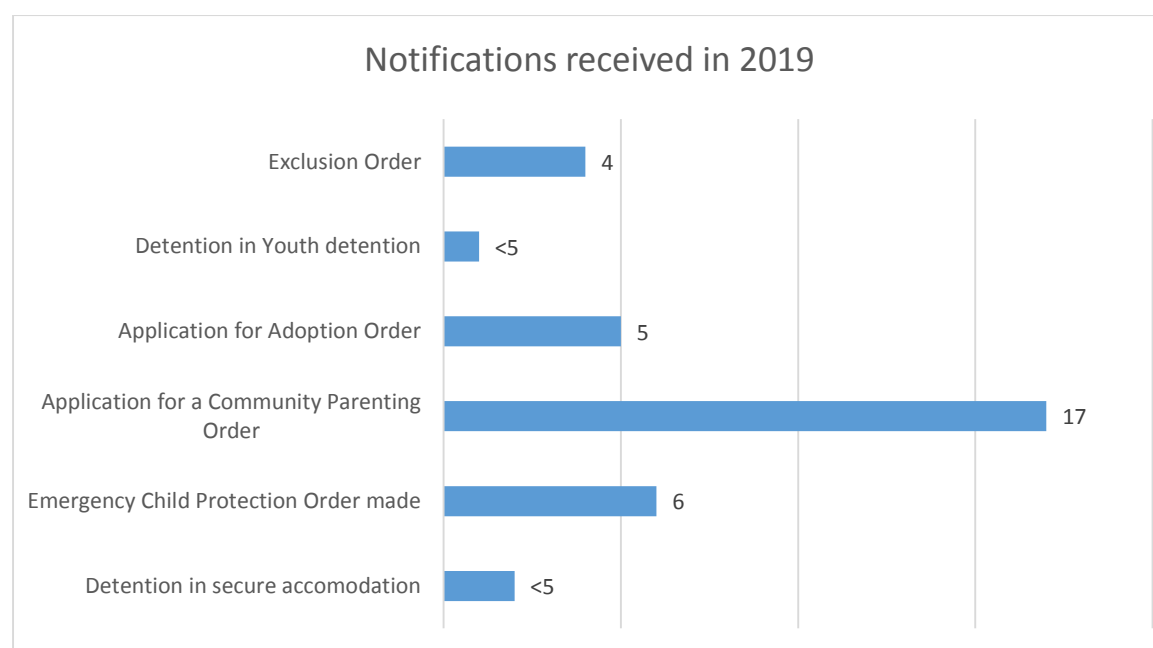


Appeals

Children, their parents or carers and the Committee *for* Health and Social Care can appeal to the Juvenile Court against the decision of a Hearing of the CYCT. In 2019, there was one appeal made against the decision of a Hearing of the CYCT. This appeal was subsequently withdrawn.

Notification to the Children's Convenor

Section 36 of the Law and section 2 of the Children (Children's Convenor) (Guernsey and Alderney) Regulations, 2010 set out a number of matters (15) relating to children and young people that must be notified to the Convenor. In 2019, 35 notifications were received relating to 27 individual children.





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