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RQIA Publishes Inspection Reports of Children's Services

As part of our work as the independent service regulator for health and social care services in Northern Ireland, RQIA undertakes inspections of services for children and young people. Until now, RQIA has not published the inspection reports for services for children and young people. This has meant that there was no visibility for the public into this important aspect of health and social care services in Northern Ireland.

During 2022, RQIA engaged with a range of stakeholders, including children and young people and service providers to discuss how we could make these reports publicly available. Through this engagement, a proposed framework was developed that would enable the publication of RQIA inspections reports of services for children and young people. RQIA sought views on this through a 14-week public consultation, and a final feedback report of the consultation was published [here](#).

RQIA has now commenced pilot publication of inspection reports relating to children and young people's services. The first inspection reports of children's services are now on the RQIA website [here](#).

We would value your views about these published inspection reports. A survey for providing feedback can be found [here](#). We plan to take account of feedback in further developing the publication of these inspection reports.

Briege Donaghy, Chief Executive said "The publication of the first inspection reports of children's services on our website marks an important step, as RQIA continues to strive for greater transparency across all of our work. We have taken a measured approach, ensuring we engaged with a wide range of interested stakeholders, including the children and young people living in and using these services. The approach to publication aims to ensure inspection reports are available to the public, whilst also balancing the need to protect those using the services. This has been the priority throughout this process.

I would encourage everyone with an interest in the publication of these reports to respond to our survey, available on our website, to help shape and improve the publication of these reports in future."

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