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“There shouldn’t be a place like this – we’re not bad people”: young people’s views about, and experiences of, secure care in Northern Ireland

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A child may be admitted to secure care if s/he has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other accommodation and, if s/he absconds, is likely to suffer significant harm or is likely to injure her/himself or other persons (Article 44(2) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995).

In 2015, Dr Deena Haydon was commissioned to consult with young people in Northern Ireland’s secure care centre, to inform the Northern Ireland NGO Alternative Report submitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in advance of the Committee’s examination of implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child [UNCRC] by the UK Government.

Insight into the views of young people deprived of their liberty in secure care - about their rights generally, whilst in care, and within secure accommodation - will provide the basis for discussion about how the needs of vulnerable young people can best be addressed in ways that promote and protect their rights.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Deena Haydon is an independent research consultant and a member of the Childhood, Transition and Social Justice Initiative at Queen’s University Belfast. Before moving to Northern Ireland in 2003, she conducted and managed research as a Principal Officer for Research and Development at Barnardo’s in the NW of England. Prior to this she held a Senior Lectureship and Head of Research post in the School of Education at Edge Hill University, Lancashire.

Deena’s main research interests include parenting and family support, youth justice, and children’s rights. Her recent work includes a commission by the Children’s Law Centre to consult with Roma children and young people, and with young people in secure care, to inform development of the Northern Ireland NGO Alternative Report submitted to the UN Committee in 2015. She has presented workshops, seminars and conference papers for academic and public audiences in the UK, Europe, the US and Australia.

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